

We're happy to provide expert officials, physicians, and sepsis survivors to speak on behalf of Sepsis Alliance. Please contact Danielle Hoffpauir, Communications Coordinator, at [dhoffpauir@sepsis.org](mailto:dhoffpauir@sepsis.org) to coordinate an interview.

### **Thomas Heymann – Sepsis Alliance President & Executive Director**

Tom has been part of Sepsis Alliance since 2007, serving as a consultant, board member, and now President and Executive Director. Tom has led Sepsis Alliance to consecutive years of growth including the organization's drive to increase sepsis awareness from 19% to 55% and the expansion of Aepsis.org to a site serving more than 1.5 million patients, family members, care givers and medical professionals each year.

[Read Tom's full bio here](#)

### **Carl Flatley, DDS, MSD – Sepsis Alliance Founder**

On April 30, 2002, Carl Flatley's life changed when his daughter [Erin died from septic shock](#), something Dr. Flatley, a retired endodontist, had never heard of. After Erin's death, Dr. Flatley learned everything he could about sepsis and he was astounded at what he – and millions of other Americans – didn't know about the condition. In 2004, Dr. Flatley founded the American Sepsis Alliance, which in 2007, became Sepsis Alliance. He made it his mission that sepsis would become as well-known as cancer, diabetes, and other illnesses, and that as few people as possible would get sepsis, let alone die from it.

[Read Dr. Flatley's full bio here](#)

### **Jim O'Brien, MD, MSc – Expert Physician**

Jim O'Brien, MD, MSc, former Board Chair, is an intensive care unit (ICU) doctor who splits his time between clinical care, hospital administration, and patient quality and safety work. He serves as the System Vice President of Quality at OhioHealth in Columbus, OH. Dr. O'Brien received his medical degree from The Ohio State University (OSU) in 1996 and completed his clinical training in Internal Medicine in 1999. He served as the Chief Medical Resident for OSU from 1999-2000. He completed a fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver in 2003 where he received a Masters in Health Services Research and Clinical Investigation. He served on faculty at OSU in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine from 2004-2012, leaving as an associate professor to assume his current position.

[Read Dr. O'Brien's full bio here](#)

### **Dana Mirman – Sepsis Survivor**

In 2011, [Dana survived sepsis](#). Within 24 hours, what started as a small bump on her shoulder turned into life-threatening septic shock. Dana is a communications professional with over a dozen years of experience in writing, television production and public relations. Dana was an associate editorial producer at ABC News in New York, where she researched and developed content for 20/20 and PrimeTime Live. She also served as an associate producer for hour-long ABC News documentaries, including producing medical documentaries on women's health issues.

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