# WHAT IS **SEPSIS?**

Sepsis is the body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to infection which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death.

### <u>270,000</u> 8,000,000

DEATHS IN UNITED STATES

DEATHS ACROSS THE GLOBE

EACH YEAR, MORE THAN 270,000 PEOPLE IN THE U.S. DIE FROM SEPSIS. WORLDWIDE, THAT FIGURE IS 8 MILLION.

65%

**OF AMERICANS SAY** THEY KNOW THE WORD

#### When it comes to sepsis, remember IT'S ABOUT TIME<sup>™</sup>. Watch for:

Т TEMPERATURE - higher or lower than normal INFECTION - may have signs or symptoms of infection

- MENTAL DECLINE confused, sleepy, difficult to rouse М
- Ε EXTREMELY ILL – "I feel like I might die," severe pain or discomfort

### **NUMBER 1**

LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN HOSPITALS LEADING CAUSE OF HOSPITAL READMISSIONS SINGLE BIGGEST COST TO HOSPITALS (\$24 BILLION PER YEAR)

#### **IDENTIFY COMMON SYMPTOMS**

**AROUND 72% OF AMERICANS CAN IDENTIFY** STROKE SYMPTOMS, YET ONLY 12% CAN **IDENTIFY THE MOST COMMON SEPSIS SYMPTOMS** 

## **CONTAGIOUS?**

39% OF AMERICANS INCORRECTLY **BELIEVE SEPSIS IS CONTAGIOUS** 

### THERE IS NO SIMPLE TEST OR CURE FOR SEPSIS

SEPSIS CAN BE PREVENTED BY PREVENTING INFECTIONS AND CAN BE TREATED SUCCESSFULLY IN MOST CASES WITH EARLY RECOGNITION AND TREATMENT.

### SOUND THE ALARM

IF YOU SUSPECT YOU OR A LOVED ONE MAY HAVE SEPSIS. SEE A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL IMMEDIATELY OR CALL 911 AND SAY

**"I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SEPSIS"** 

YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES FROM SEPSIS, GET INVOLVED AT SEPSIS.ORG

