

The Partnership for Sepsis and Aging (TPSA)

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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. It takes a life every 90 seconds (350,000 adults each year in the U.S.), and over 80% of these deaths may be preventable. Anybody can get sepsis, though those who are over 60 years old, particularly those who have health issues, are even more susceptible to sepsis.

The Impact of Sepsis on Older Adults in the United States:

- More than 70% of sepsis cases occur in individuals aged 60 or older.
- 87% of sepsis cases originate in the home and community.
- More than 40% of older patients have another hospitalization within three months of the initial sepsis, most commonly due to a repeat episode of sepsis or another infection.
- Older sepsis survivors (65%) experience on average 1 to 2 new limitations on activities of daily living (e.g. bathing, dressing, managing money) after hospitalization.
- There is a 3-fold increase in prevalence of moderate-to-severe cognitive impairment after hospitalization and a high prevalence of mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety after sepsis.
- Nursing home residents are over 6 times more likely to present with sepsis in the emergency room than non-nursing home residents.

Given the breadth of the problem, Sepsis Alliance has formed a national coalition of partners called The Partnership for Sepsis and Aging (TPSA). Founding partners include: Sepsis Alliance, The New York State Office for the Aging, Association on Aging, Home Care Association of New York State, and EndSepsis. These founding members are dedicated to healthy aging and protecting our nation's older adults from sepsis.

TPSA is comprised of state and national aging leaders who coordinate their state and local aging services networks toward sepsis education, prevention, and system interventions for older individuals, including collaboration with health care professionals, and other partner organizations in their communities, such as care site facilities.



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