

Making Sepsis a National and Global Health Priority

Celebrating 10 Years of World Sepsis Day

September 16, 2022

Information, tickets, and registration:
10yearswsd.org

Patronage

WHO Director-General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus



German Federal Minister of Health, Prof. Dr. Karl Lauterbach



Location

Veranstaltungszentrum der Berliner Sparkasse
Kronprinzessinnenweg 21
14129 Berlin
and online

Organized by:



Global
Sepsis
Alliance



Sepsis
Stiftung

Welcome to

Making Sepsis a National and Global Health Priority – Celebrating 10 Years of World Sepsis Day

It was exactly a decade ago that we organized the inaugural World Sepsis Day. Since then, we have made great progress in our fight against sepsis, and sepsis awareness has markedly risen around the globe. A milestone in this respect was the adoption of the World Health Assembly 70.7 Resolution in 2017. However, even today, only a few governments have followed the Resolution's call to action: Many nations still need to implement concrete measures in their healthcare systems to make sepsis a priority.

In response to this demand, the recent G7 Health Ministers' and Leaders' Communiqués urge governments to “boost the implementation of the WHA Resolution”. In particular, the Communiqué emphasizes the need to “intensify the efforts to strengthen early detection, diagnosis, and therapy of sepsis, and ensure synergy with antimicrobial stewardship and Infection Prevention and Control programs”.

Thus, while celebrating the remarkable progress of sepsis advocacy and clinical systems advancements over the past decade, this event aims to pave the way to make sepsis a global and national health priority. Despite all advances, sepsis still accounts for a staggering 11 million lives lost every year around the world, even without counting the millions of deaths by viral sepsis due to COVID-19. While sepsis causes enormous loss in high-income countries, it disproportionately affects vulnerable populations such as young children in resource-poor countries.


Making sepsis a priority on the global, national, and facility levels requires the engagement of high-level policymakers, representatives of health authorities, patient organizations, health care providers, science, industry, and civil society. We need to learn from each other by exchanging best practices from around the world. This event aims to spread this message on a global scale and accelerate the fight against sepsis.

Following the scientific symposium and the best practices panel, we will celebrate the achievements of the past 10 years, present the Global Sepsis Awards, and conclude this unique World Sepsis Day event with a fundraising dinner, featuring international artists who share our commitment to the vision of “A World Free of Sepsis”.

Please come and join us on-site or virtually.



Niranjan 'Tex' Kissoon
President
Global Sepsis Alliance



Konrad Reinhart
Chair
Sepsis Stiftung

Welcome Remarks from Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, Patron of the Event



Sepsis kills 11 million people every year, disproportionately affecting young children and other vulnerable populations in low-income countries. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this burden through viral sepsis and underscored the vital importance of infection prevention and control, vaccination, and clean care to prevent the spread of disease and counter the threat of antimicrobial resistance.

The pandemic has also demonstrated the importance of health system readiness, the rapid response through effective policies, the ability to maintain essential health services, accurate and reliable information, and active community engagement.

In 2017, WHO Member States meeting at the World Health Assembly adopted a resolution committing to taking measures to prevent, diagnose and treat sepsis as part of efforts to strengthen national health systems. However, implementation of the resolution remains insufficient. WHO remains committed to supporting countries around the world to strengthen their health systems so as to better prevent, identify and manage sepsis, but greater political commitment and investment are needed. In that regard, we welcome the commitment of G7 Health Ministers, in their communique in May this year, to intensify efforts to combat sepsis at home, and support the implementation of the resolution in low- and middle-income countries.

As WHO Director-General, I am honored to be the patron of the event, celebrating 10 years of World Sepsis Day, to draw attention to this critical issue, to share best practices, and to support health and care workers, health facility managers, and policymakers globally to take steps to prevent sepsis and save lives.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus".

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General
World Health Organization

Friday - September 16, 2022

Part I Symposium – Health Policy and Quality Improvement (<i>5 Sessions</i>) 11:00 - 17:15h	Part II Learning from Successful National Sepsis Initiatives 18:00 - 19:30h	Part III Celebration and Fundraising Dinner 19:00 - 22:30h
--	--	---

Session 1:	Session 2:	Session 3:	Session 4:	Session 5:
Opening Session	The Burden of Sepsis, COVID-19, and AMR	Panel Discussion – How to Boost the Implementation of the WHA Sepsis Resolution	Learning by Exchange on the Global, National, and Facility Level	Panel Discussion – The Challenges of, and Lessons Learned from the Pandemic
11:00 - 12:00h	12:05h - 12:45h	13:30h - 14:15h	14:25h - 15:30h	15:55 - 17:15h

Session 1: Opening Session

Moderator: Konrad Reinhart, Sepsis Stiftung, Germany

.....
11:00h Berlin Time	Welcome Remarks Niranjan ‘Tex’ Kisson, President Global Sepsis Alliance, Canada Konrad Reinhart, Chair Sepsis Stiftung, Germany
.....
11:10h	Greetings Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General World Health Organization, Switzerland Karl Lauterbach, Federal Minister of Health, Germany Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, USA Ruth Hecker, Chair Coalition for Patient Safety, Germany
.....
11:25h	The WHO Strategy to Fight Infection-Related Global Health Threats Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director-General World Health Organization, Switzerland
.....
11:35h	A Husband and Father’s Perspective on Sepsis Joachim Greuner, Germany
.....
11:40h	A Sepsis Survivor’s Perspective on Sepsis Dennis Kredler, European Sepsis Alliance, Belgium
.....
11:45h	Keynote: Sepsis in the Context of Patient Safety Ciarán Staunton, End Sepsis – The Legacy of Rory Staunton, USA
.....

Session 2: The Burden of Sepsis, COVID-19, and AMR

Moderators: Edmund Neugebauer, Brandenburg Medical School, Germany
Emmanuel Nsutebu, African Sepsis Alliance, United Arab Emirates

12:05h **The Global Burden of Sepsis and AMR**
Mohsen Naghavi, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, USA

12:15h **Addressing the Burden of Sepsis in Children Under Five**
Niranjan 'Tex' Kisson, Global Sepsis Alliance, Canada

12:25h **The Burden of Sepsis and COVID-19 in Germany**
Carolin Fleischmann-Struzek, Jena University Hospital, Germany

12:35h **Sepsis Knowledge – Results from a Representative Survey**
Roman Marek, Sepsis Stiftung, Germany

12:45h: Lunch Break

Session 3: How to Boost the Implementation of the WHA Sepsis Resolution

Panel Discussion

Moderators: Abdulelah Alhawsawi, Eastern Mediterranean Sepsis Alliance, Saudi Arabia
Ron Daniels, European Sepsis Alliance, United Kingdom

13:30h **Synergies between Pandemic Preparedness, IPC, Sepsis, and AMR**
Hanan Balkhy, Assistant Director-General, World Health Organization, Switzerland

13:33h **Why Sepsis Needs to Be in the Public and Political Space**
Keith Martin, Consortium of Universities for Global Health, USA

13:36h **The Strategy of WHO Europe in the Fight Against Sepsis**
João Breda, Special Adviser at WHO Regional Office for Europe, Greece

13:39h **Lessons from the Pandemic to Fight Non-COVID Sepsis**
Janet Diaz, World Health Organization, Switzerland

13:42h **WHO HQ Efforts to Improve the Evidence-Based Management of Sepsis**
Teri Reynolds, World Health Organization, Switzerland

13:45h **Panel Discussion**

Session 4: Learning by Exchange on the Global, National, and Facility Level

Moderators: Bjoern Weiss, Charité University Hospital, Germany
Imrana Malik, Global Sepsis Alliance, USA

14:25h	Challenges in Addressing Sepsis in Sub-Saharan Africa Shevin Jacob, African Sepsis Alliance, Uganda
14:35h	Australia's National Action Plan to Fight Sepsis, COVID-19, and AMR Brett Abbenbroek, Asia Pacific Sepsis Alliance, Australia
14:45h	Impact of Sepsis Mandates on Patient Outcomes Marcus Friedrich, BIH/Charité Visiting Professor, USA
14:55h	Using Synergies to Fight Pandemics, Sepsis, and AMR Ron Daniels, European Sepsis Alliance, United Kingdom
15:05h	Lessons Learned by the German Quality Network Sepsis Daniel Schwarzkopf, Jena University Hospital, Germany
15:15h	Q&A

15:30h: Coffee Break

Session 5: The Challenges of, and Lessons Learned from the Pandemic

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Volkart Wildermuth, Science Journalist, Germany

15:55h	Placing Sepsis Prevention and Control Into the WHO Global Context Rudi Eggers, Director Integrated Health Services, World Health Organization, Switzerland
15:58h	The Perspective of a Dean and Scientist Axel Pries, Charité University Hospital, Germany
16:01h	The Perspective of a Science Editor Joachim Müller-Jung, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Germany
16:04h	The Perspective of a Vaccine Researcher and Developer Stefan Kaufmann, Max Planck Institute, Germany
16:07h	The Perspective from Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean Region Emmanuel Nsutebu, Chair African Sepsis Alliance, United Arab Emirates
16:10h	Novel Immunomodulatory and Biomarker Approaches in COVID-19 and Sepsis Evangelos J. Giamarellos-Bourboulis, Chair European Sepsis Alliance, Greece
16:13h	On the Importance of and the Barriers to Clinical Research Tobias Welte, Sepsis Stiftung, Germany
16:16h	For Evaluating Novel Therapeutics – The Perspective of a Biotech CEO Niels Riedemann, InflaRx, Germany
16:19h	Panel Discussion

17:10h: Closing Remarks

Part II: Panel – Learning from Successful National Sepsis Initiatives

Moderators: Edmund Neugebauer, Brandenburg Medical School, Germany
Daniel Schwarzkopf, Jena University Hospital, Germany

18:00h

The Success Factors of the Surviving Sepsis Campaign on a Global Scale
Mitchell Levy, Brown University, USA

18:07h

The Challenges and Successes in the Fight Against Sepsis in Latin America
Daniela Carla Souza, Sírío-Libanês Hospital, Brazil

18:14h

Building a Successful National Sepsis Campaign in Japan
Naoyuki Matsuda, Japanese Sepsis Alliance, Japan

18:21h

The History and Success Factors for the Sudanese National Sepsis Plan
Mohammed Elfatih Ahmed, Sudanese Sepsis Alliance, Sudan

18:28h

Background and Impact of the National Clinical Programme on Sepsis Mortality
Michael O'Dwyer, Health Service Executive, Ireland

18:35h

History, Achievements, and Future Strategy by Sepsis Alliance in the US
Thomas Heymann, Sepsis Alliance, USA

18:42h

The Role of Nurses in the National Sepsis QI Initiative in Saudi Arabia
Maha Aljuaid, Global Sepsis Alliance, Saudi Arabia

18:49h

The Strategy of the MoH-Funded "Germany Recognizes Sepsis"-Coalition
Ellen Heyd, Coalition for Patient Safety, Germany

18:56h

The SepWiss Project in Berlin and Brandenburg: Strategy and Lessons Learned
Wiltrud Abels, Sepsis Stiftung, Germany

19:03h

Panel Discussion

Part III: Celebration and Fundraising Event

20:00h

You can expect a top-class entertainment program with cultural performances, voices of those affected by sepsis, and doctors as well as supporters of our common cause from politics, the media, and outstanding supporters and foundations under the patronage of the German Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization.

The evening will be musically accompanied by 'Bassball & Friends', featuring Diane Weigmann and Momo Djender as singers. Internationally active musicians, composers, and music producers based in Berlin, complemented by a singer whose voice you already know from radio and television, will accompany you through the evening. The evening program will be moderated by Dr. med. Joern Ole Vollert, a border crosser between music and medicine.

We are proud and grateful for the many guests who will raise their voices for our fight against sepsis this evening. Look forward to our guests of honor, among them are representatives from the German Ministry of Health, the embassies of the G7 countries, and the WHO like Rudi Eggers, Director of Integrated Health Services. Join us in humbly welcoming those affected by sepsis who, despite this terrible blow, have made the best of the situation and tirelessly devote so much of their energy to our common cause – for example, Ciarán Staunton, co-founder of 'End Sepsis' and Joachim Greuner, who recently lost his beloved wife and unborn child. Historical information on Gustav Mahler, presented by Ernst Rietschel, shows how dramatically sepsis has already preoccupied artists and researchers in the past century.

Experience how the Sepsis Stiftung and the Global Sepsis Alliance tirelessly promote new projects to advance education, research, and healthcare. On the occasion of 10 years of World Sepsis Day, we would like to focus especially on the concerns of children. Let us surprise you...

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Global Sepsis Awards. Among them is a 'group', which will contribute decisively to the sustainable improvement of the chapter against sepsis – this much we can reveal.

We are happy and grateful that we can inspire so many prominent actors from all walks of life for our cause. We want to celebrate this together. Thank you for being our guests for this year's World Sepsis Day Event.



The dress code for the evening is "Business Casual". Changing rooms and lockers are available at the venue. Please note that it can get a bit chilly in Berlin in the middle of September, please prepare accordingly.



We will follow all COVID-19 regulations by the state of Berlin that are in effect at the time of the event. Additionally, for the safety of all our participants and guests, including sepsis survivors, please understand that it is mandatory to undergo COVID-19 testing at the event venue. The test will be provided free of charge by our sponsor Abionic via a saliva swab. Currently, no masks are required. Most of the event will take place outside, weather permitting.

Supporters

The following entities are supporting us in promoting this event – thanks for their support. If you'd like to join the promotion and be featured below and in the program, please contact [Mariam](#).

Action on Sepsis Research Cluster - UBC

African Sepsis Alliance (ASA)

Argentine Society of Intensive Care (SATI)

Asia Pacific Sepsis Alliance (APSA)

Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS)

Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCN)

Australian Sepsis Network (ASN)

Berliner Medizinischen Gesellschaft

Center for International Child Health

Chilean Society of Critical Care and Emergency Medicine (Red Intensiva)

Eastern Mediterranean Sepsis Alliance (EMSA)

Emergency Medicine Association of the Democratic Republic of Congo (AMURDC)

European Sepsis Alliance (ESA)

European Shock Society (ESS)

FIND

Fundación Código Sepsis

German Sepsis Society

GiViTI Italian Group

Group B Strep Support

Hamad Medical Corporation

Health Service Executive (HSE)

Hellenic Institute for the Study of Sepsis

Hellenic Sepsis Study Group

Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM)

Indonesian Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ISICM)

Italian Society of Anesthesia, Analgesia, Reanimation and Intensive Care (SIAARTI)

Japanese Sepsis Alliance (JaSA)

Lambaréné Medical Research Center (CERMEL)

Latin American Sepsis Institute (LASI)

Malaysian Sepsis Alliance
Nepalese Society of Critical Care Medicine (NSCCM)

Northwell Health

Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety (PPAHS)

Red Colaborativa Pediátrica de Latinoamérica (LAREd Network)

Rwanda Emergency Care Association (RECA)

Sepsis Alliance

Sepsis Fonden Sweden

Sepsis Research Group (SIDOK)

SIDRA Medicine

Spanish Edusepsis Network

Stiftung Charité

Taiwan Society of Emergency and Critical Care Medicine (TSECCM)

The George Institute for Global Health

The Robert Koch Institute (RKI)

The United Kingdom Sepsis Trust (UKST)

World Health Summit

Sponsors

The following companies are sponsoring 'Making Sepsis a National and Global Health Priority' – a huge thanks for their support, this event would not be possible without them. Sponsors do not influence the program or the content of the event.

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a sponsor, please contact [Mariam](#).

Gold Sponsors



Gut für Berlin.
Seit 1818.

ThermoFisher
SCIENTIFIC

Silver Sponsors

KLINIK BAVARIA
Kreischa/Zscheckwitz



Waltraut Bergmann - Stiftung
zur Förderung der Forschung

Bronze Sponsors

B|BRAUN
SHARING EXPERTISE



BLINKDX⁺

CSL Behring
Biotherapies for Life™



inflaRx

Marjan Miklus Stiftung

sobi
rare strength

Global Sepsis Alliance
12 Park Lane
Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire
RG31 5DL | United Kingdom
worldsepsisday.org
info@worldsepsisday.org

Sepsis Stiftung
Hindenburgdamm 27
12203 Berlin
Germany
sepsis-stiftung.de
office@sepsis-stiftung.de



**Global
Sepsis
Alliance**

**Sepsis
Stiftung**