



WHAT IS SEPSIS?

- Sepsis is a life threatening condition caused by the body's overwhelming response to an infection. It can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, amputations and death. Prompt recognition and treatment of sepsis is critical to survival.

WHAT IS THE MASSACHUSETTS SEPSIS CONSORTIUM?

- A collaboration of health care providers, payers, researchers, patients, state agencies, and policymakers formed to plan and execute an effective public health response to sepsis
- A strategic oversight group providing direction for statewide initiatives to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of sepsis
- The backbone needed to sustain a multi-year, systematic effort to make and sustain progress combatting sepsis

WHY DOES MASSACHUSETTS NEED A SEPSIS CONSORTIUM?

- Sepsis is a major burden on the health care system and on patients and families; it is the leading cause of hospitalization in the state after labor and newborn delivery.
- A consortium model is ideal for addressing multifaceted challenges, such as early detection and treatment of sepsis, that require the focus of people and organizations with expertise and authority but whose impact would be limited if acting alone.

WHAT WILL THE CONSORTIUM DO?

- Identify and disseminate strategies to advance the prompt diagnosis and treatment of sepsis in all health care settings
- Increase public awareness about sepsis prevention, symptoms, and when to seek medical care
- Recommend an approach for tracking trends in sepsis morbidity and mortality statewide

HOW DOES THE CONSORTIUM WORK?

- Sets priorities for initiatives based upon urgency and potential for impact—with a particular emphasis on facets of the sepsis challenge that will derive the greatest benefit from a coordinated approach or diffusion of best practices
- Advances each initiative by coordinating a series of activities such as expert panels, education efforts, and work groups charged with generating evidence-based, actionable tools to address specific needs
- Develops a comprehensive communications strategy to disseminate the guidance and tools generated by its work to promote implementation

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MEMBERSHIP

State Agencies and Legislators

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services
- Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety
- Board of Registration in Medicine, Quality and Patient Safety Division
- Center for Health Information and Analysis
- Department of Public Health
- Health Policy Commission
- MassHealth
- Rep. Kate Hogan
- Sen. Jason Lewis
- Sen. Mark Montigny

Health Care Associations and Insurers

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
- CRICO
- Coverys
- Healthcentric Advisors
- Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts
- Massachusetts Association of Health Plans
- Massachusetts Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors
- Massachusetts Emergency Nurses Association
- Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association
- Massachusetts Home Care
- Massachusetts Infectious Disease Society
- Massachusetts Medical Society
- Massachusetts Senior Care Association
- Society of Critical Care Medicine
- Steward Health Care

Sepsis Advocates and Patient Representatives

- National Family Council on Sepsis
- Rory Staunton Foundation
- Sepsis Alliance