

WORLD SEPSIS CONGRESS 2021 - ADVANCING PREVENTION, SURVIVAL, AND SURVIVORSHIP OF SEPSIS AND COVID-19

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Global Sepsis Alliance

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April 21-22, 2021

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Welcome to the World Sepsis Congress 2021 Advancing Prevention, Survival, and Survivorship of Sepsis and COVID-19

On April 21-22, 2021, the Global Sepsis Alliance will host the World Sepsis Congress 2021 (WSC), entitled "Advancing Prevention, Survival, and Survivorship of Sepsis and COVID-19". This congress aims to bring knowledge about sepsis to all parts of the world, easily accessible and free of charge.

Over the course of two days and 15 diverse and highly relevant sessions, over 90 speakers from more than 30 countries will give trenchant talks on all aspects of sepsis, from the impact of policy, the role of artificial intelligence and big data, patient safety, and long-term sequelae through to novel trial design, the latest research, and much more. We will give equal voice to clinicians and researchers, patients and caregivers, and policymakers; we will give equal voice to those working, living, and driving change in high-income and in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Despite many advances, great inequities in the availability of healthcare resources and the relative attention afforded to sepsis undermine efforts to improve prevention, recognition, and management of sepsis - particularly in LMICs - a situation amplified by COVID-19.

Sepsis accounts for a staggering 11 million lives lost every year around the world, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations such as young children in resource-poor countries. It can be triggered by any infection, including common bacterial illness but also by Ebola, Malaria, and COVID-19. This congress will shine a light on sepsis as one of the world's biggest killers, reminding us that sepsis and severe infection are a constant threat to mankind rather than a threat restricted to pandemics. Health systems that are resilient against sepsis and severe infection outside pandemics will be resilient against future pandemics.

Just as with our previous WSCs in 2016 and 2018 and WSC Spotlights in 2017 and 2020, this free online congress brings together highly ranked representatives of international and national healthcare authorities, non-governmental organizations, policymakers, patients, patient advocacy groups, clinical scientists, researchers, and pioneers in healthcare improvement.

The unifying goal of the WSC and of these presenters is improving how sepsis is prioritized, prevented, diagnosed, and treated all around the world, as laid out in the WHO Resolution on Sepsis, enacted in 2017.

As program chairs, we cordially invite you to join us for this free online congress at worldsepsiscongress.org on April 21-22, 2021.



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Wednesday – April 21st, 2021

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Opening Session: The Impact of Policy, Healthcare, Science, and Public Private Partnership

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at 14:00h Berlin Time
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Moderator: Niranjana 'Tex' Kissoon, President Global Sepsis Alliance, Canada

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The Major Global Health Threats in the 21st Century
Christopher Murray, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, USA

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Role of Policy for Patient Safety
Jeremy Hunt, Chairman of the Health and Social Select Committee, UK

14:30h Berlin Time

Towards a Better 'Pandemic Peacetime': Improving Routine Infectious Disease Surveillance to Better Respond to Future Emergencies
Jennifer Gardy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

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How Lessons from the Pandemic Can Help Reduce the Overall Burden of Sepsis
Hans Kluge, Regional Director for Europe, World Health Organization, Denmark

15:00h Berlin Time

The Role of Politics in Fighting Pandemics
Keith Martin, Consortium of Universities for Global Health, USA

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Vaccine Hesitancy – The Biggest Global Health Threat
Pauline Paterson, Vaccine Confidence Project, UK

Session 2: Combating Sepsis Is a Great Patient Safety Strategy

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at 15:30h Berlin Time
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Moderator: Abdulelah Alhawsawi, Global Sepsis Alliance, Saudi Arabia

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Keynote: How Quality Improvement in Sepsis Works on the Facility and National Level
Abdulelah Alhawsawi, Global Sepsis Alliance, Saudi Arabia

Roundtable Discussion by Patient Safety Experts

15:50h Berlin Time

Participants:
Alan Donnelly, The G20 Health and Development Partnership, UK
Kawaldeep Sehmi, International Alliance Of Patients' Organizations, UK
Mike Durkin, Institute of Global Health Innovation, UK
Günther Jonitz, President Berlin Chamber of Physicians, Germany
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Session 3: Lessons Learned for Ending This and Preventing the Next Pandemic

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Moderator: Ron Daniels, Global Sepsis Alliance, UK

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Leading at the Front Line of an Emerging Pandemic
Giuseppe Ruocco, Chief Medical Officer, Italian Ministry of Health, Italy (*tbc*)

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Coordinating Surge Responses at the National Level
Lothar Wieler, President Robert Koch Institute, Germany

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Can We Really Eradicate Diseases Like COVID-19?
Maria van Kerkhove, World Health Organization, Switzerland

17:09h Berlin Time

How Critical Are Public-Private Partnerships in Planning for Pandemic Preparedness?
Gareth Presch, World Health Innovation Summit, UK

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Managing a National State of Emergency
Jérôme Salomon, French Ministry of Health, France

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Session 4: A World Imbalanced: Sepsis and Inequity

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Moderator: Roopa Dhatt, Women in Global Health, USA

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Factors Underlying Racial and Gender Disparities in Sepsis Management
Mamta Swaroop, Northwestern University, USA

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Fetal and Maternal Care: Profound Impacts Deserving a Brighter Spotlight
Queen Dube, Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Malawi

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Combating Sepsis to Achieve the Sustainable Development of Goals
Wilson Were, World Health Organization, Switzerland

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The Disproportionate Burden of Sepsis in Children
Niranjan 'Tex' Kissoon, Global Sepsis Alliance, Canada

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Addressing Inequities in Diagnosis and Treatment of Sepsis
Farhad Imam, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

Session 5: Standards and Novel Approaches to Prevent Sepsis

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at 20:00h Berlin Time
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Moderator: Daniela Filipescu, European Sepsis Alliance, Romania

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Emerging Vaccine Targets for Sepsis in the Global Health Setting
Padmini Srikantiah, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

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Preventing Influenza by Improved Vaccine Formulations and Post Exposure Antivirals
Mathias Pletz, Global Sepsis Alliance, Germany

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Synbiotics and Sepsis Prevention in Neonates
Lisa Pell, The Centre for Global Child Health, Canada

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Monoclonal Antibody Therapy for Staph Aureus Infections
Dominique Missiakas, University of Chicago, USA

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Repurposing Known Vaccines and New Prospects on the Horizon
Mihai Netea, Radboud University, The Netherlands

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Prevention of Sepsis in Asplenia: Vaccines and Stand by Antibiotics
Christian Theilacker, Global Medical Development & Scientific Affairs Pneumococcal Vaccines, Pfizer Vaccines, USA

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Session 6: The Voice of Healthcare Workers

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at 21:30h Berlin Time
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Moderator: Mike Christian, Royal London Hospital, UK

Roundtable Discussion by Healthcare Workers

Participants:

Benedetta Allegranzi, World Health Organization, Switzerland
Cornelius Sendagire, Makerere University, Uganda
Diptesh Aryal, Nepal Medici, Nepal
Matt Walton, National Health Service, London, UK
Mervyn Mer, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
Samantha Bates, Western Health, Australia

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Overnight Break - Wednesday to Thursday

Session 7: Understanding the Different Faces of Sepsis

Thursday, April 22nd
at 9:00h Berlin Time
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Moderator: Vida Hamilton, Health Service Executive, Ireland

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The Unique Considerations of Sepsis in Children
Andrew Argent, University of Cape Town, South Africa

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Recognizing COVID as Sepsis
Flavia Machado, Global Sepsis Alliance, Brazil

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Sepsis and Mycobacterium Tuberculosis
David Barr, University of Liverpool, UK

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Sepsis and Diarrhoeal Disease
Mohammad Chisti, International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh

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Sepsis and Dengue
Sophie Yacoub, Oxford University Clinical Research Unit, Vietnam

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Sepsis and Malaria
Arjen Dondorp, Asia Pacific Sepsis Alliance, Thailand

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Session 8: Long-Term Sequelae from Sepsis and COVID-19

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Moderator: Imrana Malik, Global Sepsis Alliance, USA

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From Adults to Elderly: Surviving Sepsis but Dying Sooner
Hallie Prescott, University of Michigan, USA

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Informing Pediatric Survivorship With Qol Indicators: Where Does the Data Guide Us?
Jerry Zimmerman, Seattle Children's Hospital, USA

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What Do Long-Term Sequelae of Sepsis Look Like in LMICs?
Jamie Rylance, African Research Collaboration on Sepsis, Malawi

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Societal Costs of Surviving Sepsis: Healthcare System and Out-of-Pocket
Tim Buchman, Emory University School of Medicine, USA

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Caregivers Outcomes after Sepsis/COVID-19
Elie Azoulay, European Society of Intensive Care Medicine, France

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Long-Term Outcome of COVID-19
Margaret Herridge, Toronto General Hospital, Canada

Session 9: The Missing Stories: Families and Survivors of Sepsis and COVID-19

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Moderator: Aurica Pripa, European Sepsis Alliance, Belgium

Roundtable Discussion by People Affected by Sepsis and Family Members

Participants:

Annette von Butler, Germany
Elisa Perego, Italy
Katy Grainger, USA
Mick O'Dowd, Australia
Mohan Ramaswamy, India
Muhammad Sohaib, Pakistan
Zarah Geduld-Bont, New Zealand

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Session 10: The Role of AI, Big Data, and Digitalization in Combating Sepsis and COVID-19

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Moderator: Nathan Nielsen, University of New Mexico School of Medicine, USA

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Improving Early Recognition and Survival of Sepsis by
Digital Support Systems
Basil Matta, Cambridge University Hospital, UK

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How Can We Leverage AI and Predictive Analytics to Improve the Diagnosis
of Sepsis?
Bilal Muhsin, Masimo, USA

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How AI Can Improve the Treatment of Sepsis
Matthieu Komorowski, Imperial College London, UK

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Wireless Monitoring and the Future of Sepsis Care
Heather Duncan, Birmingham Children's Hospital, UK

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COVID-19 Treatment by Telemedicine
Asad Latif, Aga Khan University, Pakistan

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Impact of Telemedicine for COVID-19 Management at the Regional Level
Björn Weiss, Charité University Berlin, Germany

Session 11: Impactful Trials and Innovative Trial Design in Sepsis and COVID-19

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Moderator: Flavia Machado, Global Sepsis Alliance, Brazil

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The Role of Platform Trials in Critical Care: Adaptation of the Remap-Cap
Trial During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Kathy Rowan, Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre, UK

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From Innovative Trials to Guidelines: The WHO Method
François Lamontagne, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada

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Tocilizumab in COVID-19
Anthony Gordon, Imperial College London, UK

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Corticosteroids in COVID-19: Where Are We?
Luciano Azevedo, Latin American Sepsis Institute, Brazil

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Implementation of the RECOVERY Platform in the UK
Peter Horby, University of Oxford, UK

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Vitamins in Sepsis: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Tomoko Fujii, Jikei University Hospital, Japan

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Session 12: Advances in Pathogen Detection and the Fight Against AMR

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Moderator: Farhad Imam, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

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Improving Yield and Time to Results of Blood Cultures
Evgeny A. Idelevich, University Hospital Greifswald, Germany

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The Role of Point of Care Pathogen Identification to Fight Overuse of Antibiotics
Holger Rohde, University Hospital Hamburg, Germany (tbc)

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Metagenomics for Pathogen Detection and Pandemic Response
Senjuti Saha, Child Health Research Foundation, Bangladesh

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Scaling Pathogen Detection for Sepsis in the Global Health Setting
Jessica Manning, International Center of Research, Cambodia

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The Challenges of AMR in Fighting Tuberculosis
Martin Grobusch, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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Sepsis and AMR: Therapeutic and Diagnostic Innovations – Where Are We?
Taslimarif Saiyed, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms, India

Session 13: Novel Approaches in the Diagnosis of Sepsis and COVID-19

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Moderator: Louise Thwaites, Oxford University Clinical Research Unit, Vietnam

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Evidence for Role of Biomarkers for Antibiotic Stewardship
Philipp Schütz, Aarau Cantonal Hospital, Switzerland

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How Precision Medicine Will Change Sepsis Management
Tom van der Poll, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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mRNA Signatures of Sepsis and Insights Into Causative Organisms
Purvesh Khatri, Stanford University, USA

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Theragnostics and Phenotyping for the Enrichment of Sepsis Trials – Where Are We?
Hector Wong, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, USA

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Revival of Robust Manual Solutions for Sepsis Diagnostic and AMR Surveillance in Low-Resource Settings: Case Study of Médecins Sans Frontières Mini-Lab
Jean-Baptiste Ronat, Doctors Without Borders, France

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Harnessing Digital Technologies for Sepsis Diagnosis and Decision Support
Alison Holmes, Imperial College London, UK

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Session 14: Immunomodulatory Treatments in Sepsis and Severe COVID-19

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Moderator: Luis Antonio Gorordo Del Sol, Global Sepsis Alliance, Mexico

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Why and How the Phenotype Matters
Chris Seymour, University of Pittsburgh, USA

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Janus Kinase Inhibition in Severe COVID-19
Andre Kalil, University of Nebraska, USA

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Anti C5a in Severe COVID-19 and Sepsis
Diederik van de Beek, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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Anti-Complement Therapy Against COVID-19
Courtney Campbell, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, USA

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Biomarker Guided Immunomodulatory Therapy in COVID-19
Evangelos Giamarellos, European Sepsis Alliance, Greece

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Biomarkers for the Assessment of ADM Targeted Treatments
Peter Pickkers, Radboud University Medical Center, The Netherlands

Session 15: Global Standards and Guidelines for the Management of Sepsis and COVID-19 Patients

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Moderator: Maha Aljuaid, Global Sepsis Alliance, Saudi Arabia

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Surviving Sepsis Campaign and Efforts to Incorporate Input From LMICs?
Laura Evans, University of Washington, USA

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The Role of the WHO in Developing the COVID-19 Living Guideline
Janet Diaz, World Health Organization, Switzerland

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Cardiovascular Management in Children in Sepsis Depends on Context
Suchitra Ranjit, Apollo Hospitals, India

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Fluid Resuscitation in Adults: Different Settings, Different Strategies?
Shevin Jacob, African Research Collaboration on Sepsis, Uganda

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Antibiotics in the First Hour: For Everyone Everywhere?
Fernando Zampieri, Hospital for the Heart, Brazil

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The ARCS Delphi Study on Quality Indicators for Sepsis in LMICs
Emmanuel Nsutebu, African Sepsis Alliance, United Arab Emirates

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