

## INVITATION TO THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WORLD SEPSIS CONGRESS

Over the last decade we have seen unexpected pandemics and a continuous increase in sepsis rates in the industrial countries. According to the last Global Burden of Disease Report in 2012 over 10 million deaths each year are due to infections. This makes infections the number two cause of death worldwide. The vast majority of these deaths are attributable to sepsis. Sepsis induced organ dysfunction and shock require urgent supportive therapies in addition to the measures to eradicate the inciting infection. Unfortunately, sepsis is only known to 6-50% of lay people and even health care workers may fail to recognize the early symptoms of sepsis. Sepsis can be prevented to a considerable degree by vaccination against the underlying infections, better sanitation, and clean care. The odds of surviving sepsis can be dramatically improved by early recognition and appropriate treatment with antimicrobials and supportive emergency care measures.

Lack of awareness and delayed treatment contribute to make sepsis the #1 preventable cause of death worldwide.

The Global Sepsis Alliance and the World Sepsis Day Movement jointly with national and international professional bodies, patient advocacy groups, and health care providers foster public awareness campaigns, the implementation of quality improvement programs, and are working to improve access to appropriate rehabilitation services for sepsis survivors. We are pleased that the 1st World Sepsis Congress (WSC) brings together highly ranked representatives of international and national health care authorities, NGOs, policy makers, patients, patient advocate groups, most renowned clinical scientists, researchers and pioneers in health care improvement. As program chairs on behalf of the Global Sepsis Alliance **we cordially invite you to join us for this free online congress**. We are convinced that this event jointly with the 5th World Sepsis Day (WSD) on September 13th will contribute to wider recognition of sepsis by policy makers and members of the public, and inform health care workers and lay people that vaccination, clean care, early recognition and evidence based sepsis management save lives.

Last but not least we hope that it will empower sepsis survivors and their families to join the fight against sepsis and to overcome the long-term consequences of sepsis, and provide a strong signal of support to the initiative of the UN member states who request that a resolution on sepsis becomes part of the agenda of the World Health Assembly meeting in 2017.



**Save the Date / Register now!**

**1<sup>st</sup> World Sepsis Congress: 8 – 9 September 2016**

**Further Information and Registration:**

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