

PROTECT YOURSELF& THOSE YOU



WHAT IS **SEPSIS?**

Sepsis is the body's extreme response to an infection. It is life-threatening, and without prompt treatment, often rapidly leads to *tissue damage*, *organ failure*, *and death*.

Every Year in the US:

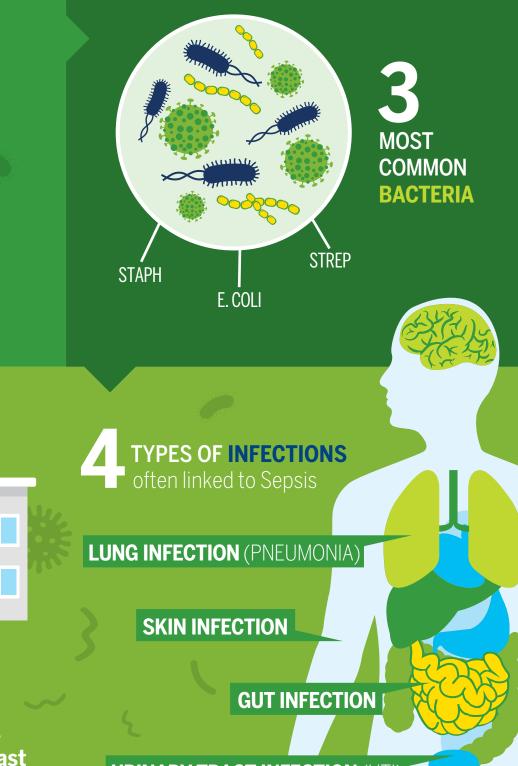
1,700,000+ people **GET** sepsis

270,000+ people **DIE** from sepsis



WHAT CAUSES

Sepsis is **most** commonly caused by bacteria; however, it can also be caused by viral infections such as COVID-19 and the flu.



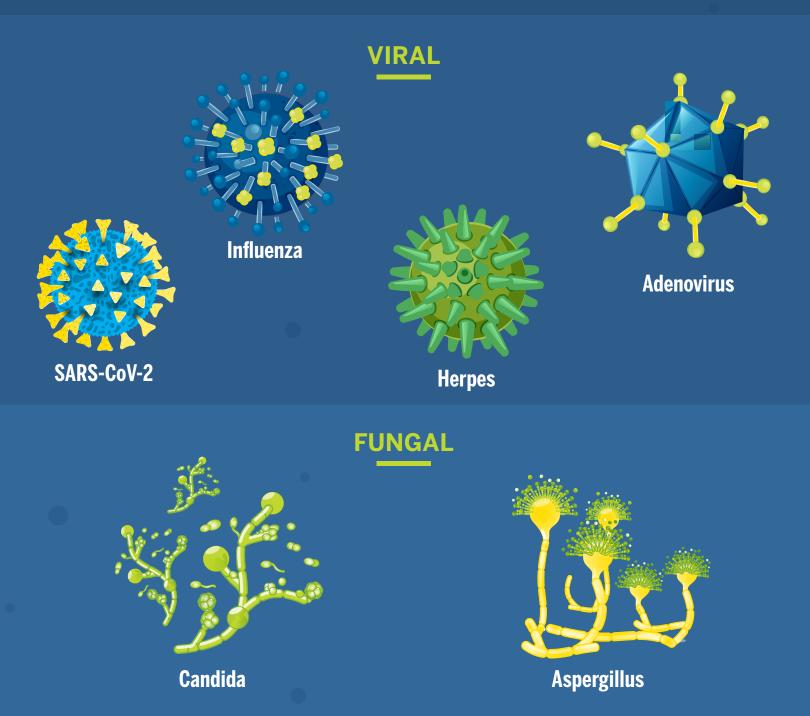
MORE THAN of hospital acquired infections (HAIs) **are resistant to at least one antibiotic**

URINARY TRACT INFECTION (UTI)



VIRAL & FUNGAL SEPSIS

Although less common, **viral and fungal infections** that can lead to sepsis include:





WHO IS AT **RISK?**

Anyone can get an infection, and **almost any infection can lead to sepsis**. **Some people are at higher risk** of infection and sepsis:



People With Chronic Conditions (Diabetes, Cancer, Lung Disease, or Kidney Disease)





People With Weakened Immune Systems



Sepsis Survivors (People who have had sepsis in the past are more likely to develop sepsis in the future)



Children Younger Than 1 Year



People with Recent Severe Illness or Hospitalization



• WHAT ARE THE **SYMPTOMS?**

Confusion/ Disorientation



Fever, Shivering, or Feeling Very Cold



Shortness of Breath



High Heart Rate or Low Blood Pressure



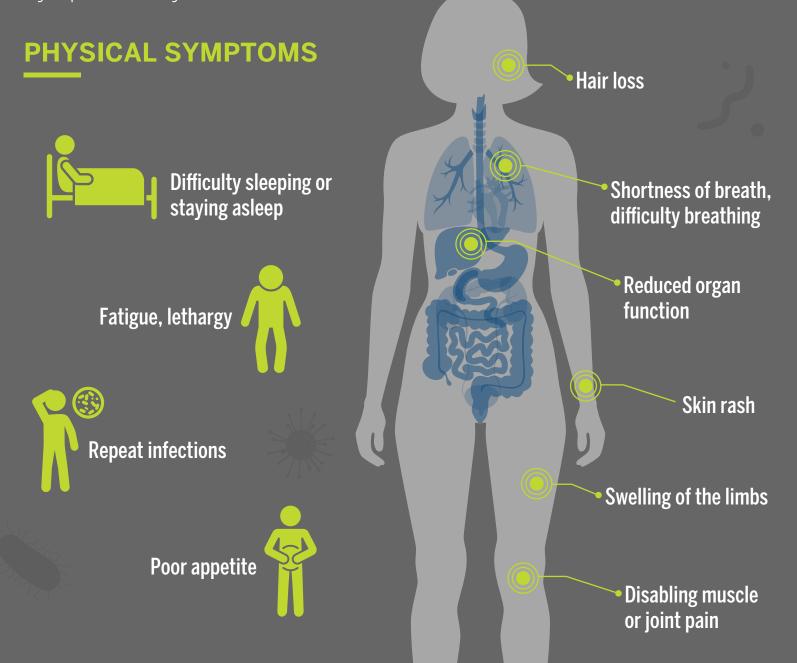
Clammy or Sweaty

Pain/Discomfort

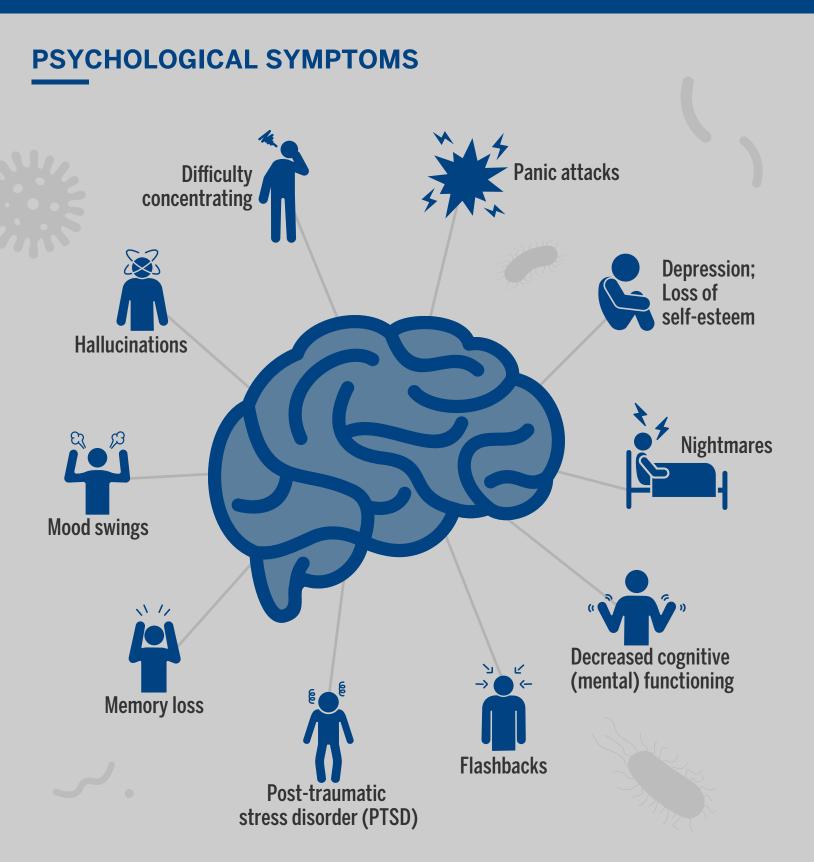


WHAT IS **POST-SEPSIS SYNDROME?**

Post-sepsis syndrome (PSS) consists of **physical and/or psychological long-term effects** that impact up to 50% of sepsis survivors. Symptoms may include:











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