SEPSIS ESSENTIALS

Sepsis The world's most neglected medical emergency
- Number one cause of death from infection. Affects all ages, all nations.
- More common than a heart attack, kills more people than any cancer.
- Affects more than 30 million people a year worldwide, many of whom die or suffer permanent disabilities. Its incidence is increasing.
- Costs many countries more than any illness and is the leading cause of years of lives lost.
- Is caused by any infection and if recognized and treated too late produces the catastrophic failure of multiple organ systems which frequently results in death or permanent disability.

What's needed?
- Better education of health care workers and lay people on prevention and the early symptoms of sepsis.
- Access to simple, low-cost and effective diagnostic and treatment interventions that are the pillars of any basic health care system.
- E.g. antibiotics, fluids, oxygen and other basic supportive care.

This will save lives,
reduce disabilities
and result in large savings for health care budgets.

Organizations and individuals around the world should ask their governments to support the following:
The World Health Organization (WHO) through the World Health Assembly should designate a World Sepsis Day to focus global attention and action that will strengthen health care systems worldwide to address this, the world’s most neglected medical emergency.

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