

# SEPSIS

THE EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM

- \* sepsis is the leading cause of death in ICU
- \* 200,000 cases of sepsis occur every year in the UK alone
- \* severe sepsis can increase the chance of mortality up to 50%
- \* 1,400 people worldwide die of sepsis every day
- \* the incidence of sepsis is rising

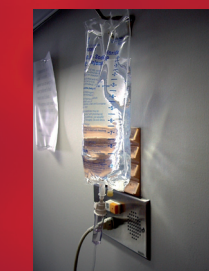
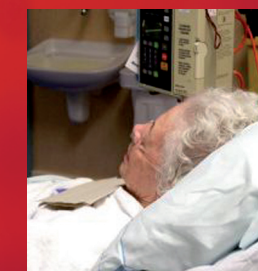


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## **STAG is currently carrying out an audit on patients presenting to the Emergency Department with sepsis.**

### What is STAG?

STAG is a multidisciplinary team that has been undertaking national audits of clinical priority areas since 2002.

STAG is part of an established National Audit Group and collect information on patients that attend the Emergency Department or that are assessed by a Critical Care Team.

### What is SEPSIS?

Sepsis can affect a person of any age and is a serious condition. It occurs when the body's normal reaction to inflammation or a bacterial infection goes into overdrive.

The terms blood poisoning, septicaemia and septic shock are often used to refer to sepsis.

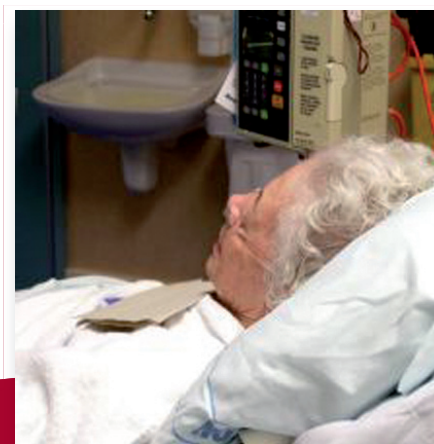
### STAG and YOU

This hospital contributes to the data collected by STAG which may include information about you and your treatment over the course of your care. This information will be used to measure the quality of care currently provided to improve care and services in the future.

This information is also used to provide reports for clinical staff on the care of their patients.

It is important that you know that your information is being used in this way. Please note that no information is published which identifies individual patients.

The information we collect will allow us to develop the best possible service for patients in the future so your contribution is greatly appreciated.



### About the Data

The information is collected by the hospital and is collated by the Information Services Division (ISD) at NHSScotland.

All information is handled according to the requirements and principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 and no identifiable information will be passed to any individual or organisation out with the National Health Service.

You do have the right to object to your information being used for certain purposes. If you do not wish your information to be used or wish more information about STAG or the sepsis audit, please contact your local STAG Co-ordinator or Consultant via the Emergency Department

Alternatively you can visit our website - details can be found overleaf.



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