Sepsis is a life-threatening illness that arises when an infection alters the body’s normal response causing injury to tissue and organs.

**Every year sepsis affects**
- 30 million people worldwide
- 3 million newborns
- 1.2 million children
- Can kill 6 million people
- Kills up to 500,000 newborns
- Causes 1 in 10 maternal deaths

**Who is at risk?**
- Anyone with an infection can develop sepsis but some are more at risk than others
- Pregnant women
- Neonates
- The elderly
- Immunosuppressed
- Patients with chronic diseases
- Hospitalized patients

**How and where do we prevent sepsis?**
- Good hygiene: 40% decrease in sepsis
- Safe water and sanitation: 30% decrease in sepsis
- Safe food preparation and good nutrition: 50% decrease in sepsis
- Vaccinations: Prevent 2-3 million deaths every year

**Evolution of an infection to sepsis can be prevented by:**
- Early detection of sepsis signs and symptoms
- Prompt seeking of medical care
- Prompt antimicrobial treatment and its reassessment

**Together we can help prevent sepsis and save millions of lives every year**