



United Against Sepsis, Patients and Professionals

Venue: Hilton Brussels Grand-Place, Carrefour de L'Europe 3

08:30 – 10:00 Registration / Coffee

Tuesday 9 September 2025

10:00 - 10:15 Welcome - Introduction

Speakers: K. Bracke, J. De Waele, I. Malfait

10:15 - 10:30 The Urgency of a European Sepsis Plan

Video: H. Kluge (Regional Director WHO Europe)

10:30 - 10:40 The Belgian Approach to Sepsis

Video: F. Vandenbroucke (Belgian Minister of Health)

10:40 – 12:30 Recognition & Prevention

10:40 – 11:00 The added value of intuition in diagnostics

Research on the important role of intuition, also in sepsis healthcare

10' + 10' Q&A

Speaker: F. Haegdorens (UAntwerpen, Belgium)

11:00 – 11:40 Martha's Rule: patient-driven pilot project in the UK

Panel Discussion: Concept & experiences from clinicians and patients

40'

Speakers: R. Daniels (UK Sepsis Trust, UK), M. Ostermann (President-Elect ESICM, London, UK), Simone Mancini (ESA)



11:40 – 12:00 Sepsis connect

Belgian pilot study for early detection of sepsis

+ Q&A (10'+10')

Speaker: B. Desplinter (AZ Groeninge, Belgium)

12:00 – 12:20 Beyond the infection: Uncovering inborn errors of immunity (or primary immune deficiencies) in sepsis patients?

+ Q&A (10'+10')

Speaker: F. Haerynck (UZ Gent, Belgium)

12:30 – 13:15 Lunch break

13:15 – 14:35 Management

13:15 – 13:35 Sepsis Guidelines: about patients, with patients

+Q&A (10'+10')

Speaker: L. Derde (Utrecht University Hospital, The Netherlands)

13:35 – 13:55 The Caregivers' burden: strategies to elevate sepsis as a clinical and administrative priority

+ Q&A (10'+10')

Speaker: A. Campbell (PPAHS, USA), Live online

13:55 – 14:05 Testimonial: losing your husband after sepsis recurrence
(10')

Speaker: N. Celis (Belgium)

14:05 – 14:15 Belgian National Action Plan on Sepsis

Challenges & opportunities in the development of Be-SNAP

(10')

Speaker: I. Malfait (Sepsibel, Belgium)



14:15 – 14:25 State-of-the-art on Be-SNAP

Speaker: E. Vlieghe (UZA, Belgium)

14:25 – 14:35 Q&A Be-SNAP (10')

14:35 – 14:50 Break

14:50 – 16:10 Aftercare

14:50 – 15:00 EU patient testimonials: good practices & missed opportunities (10')

Video

**15:00 – 15:20 Rehabilitation pathway UK Sepsis Trust
+Q&A (10'+10')**

Speaker: R. Daniels (UK Sepsis Trust, UK)

**15:20 – 15:35 Sepsis Institute Unique Longitudinal Cohort
+ Q&A (10'+5')**

Speaker: D. Annane (IHU PROMETHEUS, Paris, France), Live online

15:35 – 15:45 Aftercare programme and awareness campaign in Ireland (10')

Speaker: K. Walsh (Irish Sepsis Foundation, Ireland)



15:45 – 16:05 Exploring the Sepsis Burden and Quality of Life in Sepsis Survivors – Insights from BEATsepsis
+Q&A (10'+10')

Speakers: M. Hortova Kohoutkova, J. Fric, K. Bendickova (BEATsepsis, Brno, Czech Republic)

16:05 - 16:10 EU Patient reflection: message to healthcare professionals (5')
Video

16:10 - 16:20: Closing remarks

Speakers: K. Bracke, J. De Waele, I. Malfait