

# UNITED AGAINST SEPSIS

Patients and Professionals

09 September 2025

Brussels – Hilton Brussels Grand-Place  
Carrefour de L'Europe 3



🕒 08:30 – 10:00

Registration / Coffee

🕒 10:00 – 10:15

Welcome - Introduction

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

🕒 10:15 – 10:25

The Urgency of a European Sepsis Plan

Video: H. Kluge (Regional Director WHO Europe)

🕒 10:25 – 10:30

The 2030 Global Agenda for Sepsis: the implications for the European region

Speaker: S. Mancini (Coordinator Regional Sepsis Alliances, Partnership Lead)

🕒 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 + Q&A (10')  
Speaker: F. Haegdorens (UAntwerpen, Belgium)

🕒 11:00 – 11:40

Martha's Rule: patient-driven pilot project in the UK

Speakers: R. Daniels (UK Sepsis Trust, UK, Live online), M. Ostermann (President-Elect ESICM, London, UK), C. Bennborn (President Meningokockfonden, Sweden), F. J. Membrillo (President SEIMC, Spain).  
Online moderator S. Mancini (Coordinator Regional Sepsis Alliances, Partnership Lead)

🕒 11:40 – 12:00

Sepsis connect

Belgian pilot study for early detection of sepsis + Q&A (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')  
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')  
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')  
Speaker: A. Campbell (PPAHS, USA), Live online

🕒 13:55 – 14:05

Testimonial: losing your husband after sepsis recurrence

Speaker: N. Celis (Belgium)

🕒 14:05 – 14:15

Belgian National Action Plan on Sepsis

Challenges & opportunities in the development of Be-SNAP  
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

🕒 14:35 – 14:50

Break

14:50 – 16:10

AFTERCARE

🕒 14:50 – 15:00

EU patient testimonials: good practices & missed opportunities

Video

🕒 15:00 – 15:20

Rehabilitation pathway UK Sepsis Trust

+Q&A (5')  
Speaker: R. Daniels (UK Sepsis Trust, UK), Live online

🕒 15:20 – 15:35

Sepsis Institute Unique Longitudinal Cohort

+ Q&A (5')  
Speaker: D. Annane (IHU SEPSIS, Paris, France), Live online

🕒 15:35 – 15:45

Aftercare programme and awareness campaign in Ireland

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

🕒 16:05 – 16:10

EU Patient reflection: message to healthcare professionals

Video

🕒 16:10 – 16:20

Closing remarks

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