

# 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

Co-Chairs: Elena Moya Pendería (ES), Pedro Povoá (PT)

🕒 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**  
Co-Chairs: Krista Bracke (BE), Maria Theodorakopoulou (GR)

🕒 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

Co-Chairs: Ilse Malfait (BE), Carole Boulanger (UK)

🕒 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  
**The Nurse's Role In Post Sepsis Syndrome**  
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