

# SEPSIS & CHILDREN



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## WHAT IS SEPSIS?

Sepsis is the body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to an infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death.

More than 75,000 children develop severe sepsis in the U.S. each year. Almost 7,000 of these children die.

Sepsis can happen as the result of any infection. There is no one symptom of sepsis. If your child is unwell with either a fever or very low temperature (or has had a fever in the last 24 hours): **SUSPECT SEPSIS.**

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## Any Child Who:

1. Feels abnormally cold to touch
2. Looks mottled, bluish, or has very pale skin
3. Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
4. Is breathing very fast
5. Has a convulsion
6. Is very lethargic or difficult to wake up

## A Child Under 5 Who:

1. Is not eating
2. Is vomiting repeatedly
3. Has not urinated in 12 hours

If you see one or more of these symptoms, your child may be critically ill.

**SEE A DOCTOR URGENTLY OR  
CALL 9-1-1 AND SAY "I'M  
CONCERNED ABOUT SEPSIS"**

**TIME IS VERY CRITICAL**



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