

Governance Structure Global Sepsis Alliance



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Introduction to the Global Sepsis Alliance

The GSA is a non-profit charity organization with the mission to provide global leadership to reduce the worldwide burden of sepsis. The GSA is the initiator of World Sepsis Day on September 13 and World Sepsis Congress, a series of free online congresses bringing knowledge about sepsis to all parts of the world, among other initiatives.

The GSA works closely with its over 95 member organizations, patient advocacy groups, professional societies, healthcare authorities, and governments to implement changes on how sepsis is prioritized, diagnosed, and treated all around the world, as laid out by the WHO Resolution on Sepsis.

GSA Members

Organizations with a direct relationship to sepsis may become members of the Global Sepsis Alliance. That includes patient advocacy organizations, medical societies, foundations, sepsis support groups, hospitals, and more.

Becoming a member of the GSA means having access to the largest professional network on sepsis worldwide as well as nomination and voting rights in the GSA Congress, which elects the GSA Board every 3 years. The annual fee for being a member in the GSA is US \$500. Members either from low-income countries or founded within the last 12 months are eligible for a waiver. Members from middle-income countries might be eligible for a waiver but must make a written request to the GSA Executive Committee.

GSA Congress

The designated representatives of the member organizations make up the GSA Congress, each member organization may send one representative. The GSA Congress meets online once a year. It elects the GSA Board every 3 years. For the elections of the GSA Board, each member organization may nominate one candidate.

GSA Board

The GSA Board consists of up to 20 people, at least 6 of them representing the 6 regions of the world (Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern-Mediterranean, Europe, Latin America, North America). The GSA Board is elected by the GSA Congress every three years. Candidates for the GSA Board must be nominated by a GSA member organization, with every organization allowed to nominate not more than one candidate. We strive to have no more than 75% of the Board be of the same gender.

The GSA Board meets 2 to 4 times a year and defines the overarching strategic direction of the GSA and WSD Movement. A member of the GSA Board may serve a maximum of 5 terms. At the first meeting after having been elected, the GSA Board elects up to 9 people to serve on the GSA Executive Committee, and, by majority vote, elects the President of the Global Sepsis Alliance, who will also be President of the Executive Committee.

GSA Executive Committee (EC)

The GSA Executive Committee is made up of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 9 members, all of them members of the GSA Board. Additionally, one of the GSA Board members has been elected by majority vote as President of the Executive Committee. The EC meets every 4 to 6 weeks and is more involved in day to day operations. At its discretion and when deemed necessary, the EC may co-opt a person not on the GSA Board to serve on the GSA Executive Committee.

