



## **The Global Sepsis Awards 2017: Apply and Nominate Now!**

The Global Sepsis Awards are launched by the Global Sepsis Alliance and sponsored by the Erin Kay Flatley Memorial Foundation. The awards recognize major achievements of governments, organizations and individuals, consistent with the aims of the World Sepsis Declaration and the World Sepsis Day movement. The goal of the Global Sepsis Alliance is that by 2020, the incidence of sepsis will have decreased by at least 20% and that survival rates from sepsis for children (including neonates) and adults will have improved by a further 10% from their levels at 2012. Currently sepsis is estimated to affect 30 million people, resulting in 8 million deaths, each year.

The best medical centres have doubled patients' chances of survival, simply by recognizing the condition and responding rapidly. However, to date only 10-30% of patients with sepsis receive excellent care.

To prevent sepsis and to provide optimal care everywhere in the world requires joint efforts by health care providers, health care authorities, national governments, and the World Health Organization. A better understanding by the public of sepsis as the final common pathway of illness due to infection is also essential to drive improvement.

### **The Global Sepsis Awards will be granted in three categories:**

- I. Governments and health care authorities** - This award is aimed to honour governments and health care authorities who have made important contributions to reduce the death toll from sepsis by originating or endorsing initiatives and programs that are aimed to increase awareness for sepsis, contribute to a better understanding the epidemiology and burden of sepsis, or foster the establishment of quality improvement programs for the prevention, early recognition and appropriate treatment of sepsis on the national or global level. This award comes with a recognition plaque.
- II. Non-governmental organization and patient advocate groups or healthcare provider groups** – This award honours organizations that have contributed to a better understanding or the reduction of the burden of sepsis by increasing sepsis awareness and/or initiating quality improvement programs for sepsis prevention and management on the local, regional, national or international level. Two prize winners will be awarded in this category: One from a low income country and one from a high income country\*. This honour includes a monetary award of 2,500 USD each.
- III. Individual nominees** must be able to demonstrate how their body of work has contributed to sustainable changes in one or more of the following to practices or programs: **a)** sepsis prevention, **b)** early recognition, **c)** treatment, or **d)** rehabilitation from long term consequences of sepsis.  
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### **Evaluation**

An Award Panel comprised of internationally recognized experts in patient safety and sepsis management identified by the GSA Executive Committee will evaluate award submissions and identify award recipients. The Award Panel decisions are final. All materials become the property of GSA and will not be returned.

\* Low income country = low-income and lower-middle-income economies as provided by the World Bank  
High income country = upper-middle-income and high-income economies as provided by the World Bank

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## Requirements for submissions by organizations and health care provider groups:

### I. Governments and health care authorities

Eligible are representatives of national governments and other bodies that are responsible for national and global health. ***The candidates for this award should be nominated by national and international organizations that experienced consistent support either directly by the candidate himself or the institution that he or she is representing.*** The nominees and their respective institution, e.g., ministries of health, should promote the activities of the organizations, health care providers, and individuals in their respective countries that are dedicated to increase sepsis awareness and quality improvement of sepsis management.

#### ***Such governmental support may include:***

- Prioritization of sepsis as a major health problem on the national health care agenda
- Support of legislation to facilitate prevention, detection and treatment of sepsis
- Documentation of the burden of sepsis in the national and global burden of disease reports
- Support of the international efforts by the GSA and the World Sepsis Day movement to achieve an official mandate for World Sepsis Day by the World Health Assembly
- Support of the appropriate documentation and coding of sepsis in the International Classification of Diseases system ICD 9/10
- Adequate recognition of sepsis in the curricula of medical schools
- Support of the implementation of protocols and procedures to insure the quality of sepsis management
- Promotion and dissemination of best practices
- Promoting patient advocacy
- Support in the establishment of rehabilitation services for sepsis survivors

### II. Non-governmental organizations, health care provider groups, and patient advocacy groups

Applications by eligible organizations, health care provider or advocacy groups should demonstrate a specific and significant contribution to the improvement of sepsis awareness, sepsis prevention, or quality of sepsis management. Ideally, the focus of the project or initiative should extend beyond local areas to achieve regional (e.g., statewide) or national impact.

#### ***These projects or initiatives may include:***

- Effective approaches to increase awareness of sepsis and involvement of policy makers and health care authorities in the fight against sepsis
- Helping sepsis victims and their relatives to better understand and cope with sepsis and its long term consequences
- Implementation of protocols and procedures
- Promotion and dissemination of best practices
- Transformation of organization culture
- Outreach for treatment or for change in legislation
- Promoting patient advocacy and education



**Requirements for submissions by organizations and health care provider groups:**

1. In no more than 3 pages, single-spaced, describe:
  - a. The sepsis prevention or sepsis outcome related achievement(s)
  - b. The importance of the achievement(s), including their specific impact on patient outcome and quality of life of sepsis survivors
2. Include a brief biographical sketch (1-2 pages) for each key individual on the project.
3. Provide appropriate documentation, such as abstracts of papers, pertinent data, and results (no page limit).
4. Additional information, such as statements of support, press clippings, endorsements, etc. can be provided. However, this additional information should be no more than 7 pages in length.
5. Each submission must be made in a single PDF file not to exceed 10 megabytes in size.

**III. Individuals**

**Requirements for individual submissions:**

1. In a total of no more than 3 pages, single-spaced, describe:
  - a. The achievements of the individual being nominated in the areas mentioned above
  - b. The importance of the nominee's achievements, including their specific impact on sepsis prevention or relevant outcomes of sepsis patients
2. Provide the nominee's curriculum vitae (no page limit)
3. Additional information, such as statements of support, press clippings, endorsements, etc. can be provided. However, this additional information should be no more than 7 pages in length.

**The deadline for applications and nominations is 31 March 2017.**

**Please send applications and nominations with the keyword "Global Sepsis Awards" to:**  
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