



The New Zealand Sepsis Trust
World Sepsis Day Newsletter 2024

RAISE THE FLAG

Could it be Sepsis?

Updates from around Aotearoa New Zealand for World Sepsis Day 2024. Find out more at:

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WELCOME

World Sepsis Day, the 13th of September each year, is a chance to mark progress toward better prevention, treatment, and support for sepsis around the world.



NATIONAL SEPSIS IMPROVEMENTS

Te Tāhū Hauora (the Health Quality & Safety Commission) is working with the Trust to enhance sepsis care. A hospital stocktake led to a national quality improvement programme, established under the banner of “Raise the Flag” a whole-of-system approach for hospitals

WORKING WITH THE COMMISSION

The “Raise the Flag” sepsis care package includes clinical tools, education materials and audit tools to ensure regular audit and feedback to hospitals and staff. Materials are being tested in select hospitals in 2025 with a view to a national roll-out – find out more [here](#) or contact sepsis@hqsc.govt.nz





AUDIT



COLLABORATION



EDUCATION

IMPROVING SEPSIS CARE – EVERYONE WINS

Health outcome research suggests that well-implemented sepsis quality improvement initiatives can reduce mortality and deliver substantial economic benefits. In Australia, statewide quality improvement plans have reduced sepsis mortality by 5%, length of stay by 3 days, and cost of care by almost \$8000 per admission episode.

An unwell patient should receive the same antibiotic treatment regardless of location and setting. A team of researchers and clinicians from around the country are developing a sepsis antibiotic guideline, which will standardise treatment across all ages and health settings. The guideline, launched in 2025, will be available on desktops and mobile devices, ensuring equity of access and care for all.

LASTET NEWS

The biennial Infection Prevention and Control Nurses College Conference was held in Hamilton in August 2024. Speakers from around the country emphasised the importance of infection control in preventing sepsis and reducing overall antibiotic use.



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