# SEPSIS & CHILDREN VI SEPSIS

### WHAT IS SEPSIS?

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

Every day, more than 200 children in the U.S. develop severe sepsis. Each year, almost 7,000 children with severe sepsis die.

Any kind of infection, big or small, can cause sepsis. There is no one sepsis symptom, but if your child is unwell with a fever or a very low temperature and has at least one of the symptoms on the back of this card - suspect sepsis.

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### Any Child Who:

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

## A Child Under 5 Who:

- 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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