

ENDSEPSIS

It stops with us.

Why we need protocols, in the words of our supporters.

My daughter died of sepsis on 4/22/14 in the ICU. She had gone to two separate ERs to be sent home with a diagnosis of ear infection and then kidney infection when she in fact had full blown sepsis. No one even diagnosed her. She was my only child and she did not need to die. I am so heartbroken. I just don't see how it could be. The emergency rooms and all the educated professionals should never let this happen. She could have been saved if someone had seen the signs. –*Susie*

I had never heard of sepsis before October 19, 2013, when my 40 year old husband went to a local ER with uncontrollable shaking. He had fever of 103.9. I could not find initial blood pressure readings in his medical records. They started IV fluids and pretty much ignored him for 7 hours, even almost discharging him with a diagnosis of the flu. No one caught on to the sepsis until his blood pressure plummeted and he was in septic shock. He died within 24 hours of having the first symptom of uncontrollable shaking. He left behind me, 35 years old, and our babies, 3 years and 9 months at the time of death. I will help in anyway I can to raise sepsis awareness. –*Lisa*

My grandson Keith was 14. On August 3, 2007, he died. He was on the football field in preparation for summer training with a “blister” from poorly fitting new cleats. He never really had a chance. After obtaining all of the medical notes and records following his death the complete chaos surrounding his care was apparent. He left a brother and a family that will never be the same. His Aunt an ICU nurse upon arrival called family to say, Mom he's going to die. Get here now. The doctor is clueless. –*Coral*

I lost my daughter, Sierra, one day after her second birthday. The pediatrician said it was a bug going around, give baby Tylenol and she be fine. She wasn't and I took her back; four days later and she was gone. I never imagined something like this would happen. Nobody could tell me why she was so sick or help her. That was my worst day ever in my life but her birth was the best day ever. –*Beverly*

I'm a paramedic and in the last couple of years sepsis awareness and education has increased dramatically in emergency medical service..now we have sepsis protocols. We are now trained to recognize and treat sepsis in the pre-hospital environment, and something as simple as establishing IV access and running fluids immediately can drastically improve patient outcomes. –*Steven*

...my husband, an extremely healthy 42 year old triathlete is now a quadruple amputee thanks to all of his physicians missing clear symptoms of severe sepsis, and later septic shock –*Anonymous*