NHS Wales staff getting ready for World Sepsis Day

Friday 13 September 2013 is World Sepsis Day. Healthcare staff in NHS health boards and trusts across Wales are taking part in a global day of action against a deadly treatable illness.

Sepsis is a life threatening condition that arises when the body’s response to an infection injures its own tissues and organs. Severe sepsis accounts for 37,000 deaths per year in the UK - the equivalent of a top-flight football stadium full of people - with an estimated 1,850 of those to be in Wales. It accounts for more deaths annually than breast, bowel and prostate cancer combined and is the highest cause of maternal death in the UK.

Sepsis is the little-known killer that strikes too often

NHS Wales staff and representatives of the UK Sepsis Trust feature in a new video promoting the measures being taken in Wales to prevent deaths and harm caused by sepsis.

The video features Dr Chris Subbe, Andrew Morris and Cath Roberts from NHS Wales and Dr Ron Daniels and Terence Canning from the UK Sepsis Trust. Ron is the CEO of the UK Sepsis Trust, while Terence is the Welsh representative on the board of trustees. Terence’s brother, Mark, died from sepsis last year.

Stay informed about World Sepsis Day in Wales.
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Make a difference on World Sepsis Day

Resources in English and Welsh are available to help you make the most of World Sepsis Day and improve care for patients.

Don’t miss reading ‘Sepsis - the little-known killer that strikes too often’ by Chris Hancock on the 1000 Lives Plus blog.

Losing a brother to sepsis - Terence’s story

Terence Canning, from Cardiff, is a trustee of the UK Sepsis Trust. He appears in the video produced by NHS Wales for World Sepsis Day 2013. This is his story…

Maternity staff encouraged to build on progress made against sepsis

Sepsis has become the leading cause for direct maternal death. In the run-up to World Sepsis Day, maternity staff across Wales are being encouraged to take note of new guidance and recommendations for recognising and responding to sepsis.

Westminster hears about Welsh success against sepsis

Three intrepid cyclists have carried news from Wales by bike to a reception on the House of Commons Terrace to raise awareness of sepsis, on Wednesday 4 September.

They set off from the Senedd on Sunday 1 September.