Sepsis is a killer — nationwide, more than 250,000 people die from the condition each year.¹ Sepsis is the body’s overwhelming and life-threatening response to an infection that can lead to tissue damage, organ failure and death. Some facts about sepsis:

- Number 1 driver in mortality²
- 3rd most common cause of hospitalization³
- Can affect anyone, at any age⁴
- Most vulnerable are elderly, infants and those with low immunities⁴

Sepsis is serious and prevalent, but California hospitals are beating back sepsis and saving lives through rapid identification and aggressive treatment with evidence-based practices called “sepsis bundles.” Here’s how:

What California Hospitals are Doing to Survive Sepsis

1. **Upstream Prevention**
   - Build readiness and antimicrobial stewardship⁵ and infection prevention programs⁶

2. **Early Diagnosis**
   - Screening tools promote early identification in ED and inpatient settings⁶

3. **Rapid Response**
   - 24/7 rapid response through sepsis teams and sepsis coordinators

4. **Evidence-Based Treatment**
   - Definitive and aggressive treatment with protocols, interventions and checklists within time-sensitive windows⁶

5. **Continuous Reassessment**
   - Monitoring patient response and status for recovery⁶

We’re Moving in the Right Direction

- **30% Decline in Sepsis Mortality**⁷
  - Due to timely and aggressive treatment, California hospitals have experienced 30% reduction in sepsis mortality, with increasing reductions each year.

- **36,000+ California Hospitals’ Practices Have Saved Lives**⁷
  - 36,000+ lives saved from 2011 – 2015

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