



## Sepsis Alliance & the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians Team-up to Combat Sepsis –3rd Leading Cause of Death in the United States.

*Sepsis Alliance and NAEMT partner to provide sepsis educational resources and training to emergency medical services and prehospital practitioners*

San Diego, Calif, October 29, 2018 – Sepsis Alliance, the nation’s leading sepsis organization, and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) are proud to announce their new partnership to combat sepsis and help save lives.

Sepsis is the body’s life-threatening reaction to an infection. In the United States, sepsis affects 1.7 million people and takes 270,000 lives. As many as 87% of sepsis cases originate in the patient’s community. EMS and prehospital practitioners are often the first medical providers to reach these cases. They transport as many as 50% of patients with severe sepsis who arrive at the emergency department.

“Through our partnership with NAEMT, we will reach a broader scope of EMS and prehospital practitioners to provide them with the knowledge to recognize sepsis, begin the appropriate treatment, and save lives,” said Thomas Heymann, Sepsis Alliance Executive Director. “Sepsis Alliance has developed a great curriculum of sepsis educational resources specifically designed for EMS and prehospital practitioners that we are so excited to share with NAEMT.”

“EMS practitioners are often a sepsis patient’s first contact into the healthcare system and in severe cases, the timely assessment and treatment they provide can greatly impact patient outcomes,” said Dennis Rowe, NAEMT President. “EMS practitioners are uniquely positioned to improve the early and vital care of sepsis patients – at home, in transport and during transfers – while protecting themselves and the wider community. Resources from the Sepsis Alliance will reinforce the importance of sepsis awareness and latest knowledge for the best patient care.”

Sepsis Alliance and NAEMT will provide sepsis educational tools, including [Sepsis: First Response](#) a training module, to EMS and prehospital practitioners via a webpage to be housed on [www.naemt.org](http://www.naemt.org). This collaboration will also include the publication of an article about sepsis in NAEMT News, and a survey to gauge sepsis awareness among EMS and prehospital practitioners. This survey will be released in February of 2019.

To access sepsis educational resources for EMS and prehospital practitioners, please visit [www.sepsis.org/sepsis-first-response](http://www.sepsis.org/sepsis-first-response). To learn more about NAEMT, please visit [www.naemt.org](http://www.naemt.org).



### **About Sepsis Alliance**

Sepsis Alliance is the leading sepsis organization in the U.S., working in all 50 states to save lives and reduce suffering by raising awareness of sepsis as a medical emergency. In 2011, Sepsis Alliance designated September as Sepsis Awareness Month to bring healthcare professional and community members together in the fight against sepsis. Sepsis Alliance gives a voice to the millions of people who have been touched by sepsis – to the survivors, and the friends and family members of those who have survived or who have died. Since 2007, sepsis awareness in the U.S. has risen from 19% to 65%. Sepsis Alliance is a GuideStar Gold Rated charity. For more information, please visit [www.sepsis.org](http://www.sepsis.org). Connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) at @SepsisAlliance.

### **About NAEMT**

Formed in 1975 and more than 65,000 members strong, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians is the only national association representing the professional interests of all emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners, including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, advanced practice paramedics, critical care paramedics, flight paramedics, community paramedics, and mobile integrated healthcare practitioners. NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military. [www.NAEMT.org](http://www.NAEMT.org) | Connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)