

# Sepsis Clinical Care Standard

Launch  
30 June 2022



**Sepsis is**

**life-threatening**

**time-critical**

**complex.**



**“ We lost a child to sepsis here in 2014. It knocked everybody for six. We really felt the impact of it because most of our clinicians live in the region. This hospital is part of the fabric of people's lives as well as being somewhere that we work. And so we all felt it really strongly.**





**After that, we spent the next couple of years reviewing and improving our processes. It's been a passion for me, and for a lot of the other staff as well, because we never want to be back in that position again. ”**

**55,251**

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Australians with sepsis

**8,702**

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deaths



Thompson KJ, Finfer SR, Coombes J, Eades S, Hunter K, Leong RF, et al. Incidence and outcomes of sepsis in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous residents of New South Wales: population-based cohort study. Critical Care and Resuscitation. 2021;23(3):337-345.

UP TO  
**50%**

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experience physical,  
psychological or cognitive  
effects after discharge  
(post-sepsis)

AROUND  
**20%**

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are readmitted with sepsis  
within a year



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**\$700  
MILLION**

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direct costs

**\$4  
BILLION**

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indirect costs

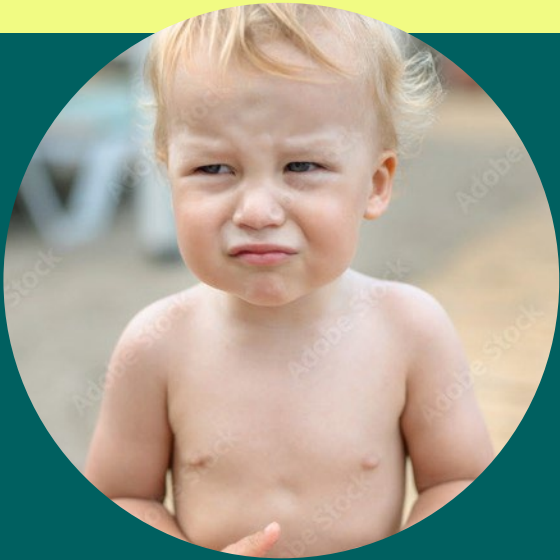


The George Institute for Global Health. Cost of sepsis in Australia report. Sydney: TGI; 2021.  
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# Sepsis disproportionately affects...

**THE VERY YOUNG**



**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES  
STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE**

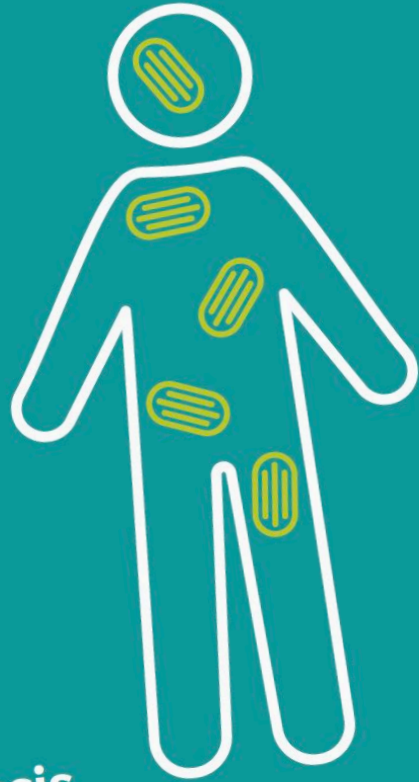


**THE VERY OLD**





AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION  
ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE



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Clinical Care Standard

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In partnership with The George Institute for Global Health



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The *Sepsis Clinical Care Standard* has been endorsed by the following organisations:



Australasian College  
for Emergency Medicine



COLLEGE OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE  
OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



Pharmaceutical  
Society of Australia



Therapeutic  
Guidelines



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**COULD  
IT BE SEPSIS?**

## **A POWERFUL QUESTION**

- **Recognise the complexity of sepsis**
- **Recognise the need for systems to help manage the complexity of sepsis**
- **Empower consumers to urge for rapid assessment and treatment**



**GIVE  
CONSUMERS  
A VOICE**

## **PATIENT ESCALATION**

- **Embed patient escalation pathways in our systems**
- **Embed respect for patient and parental concern in our personal practice**
- **Empower patients and parents to urge for escalation of care**

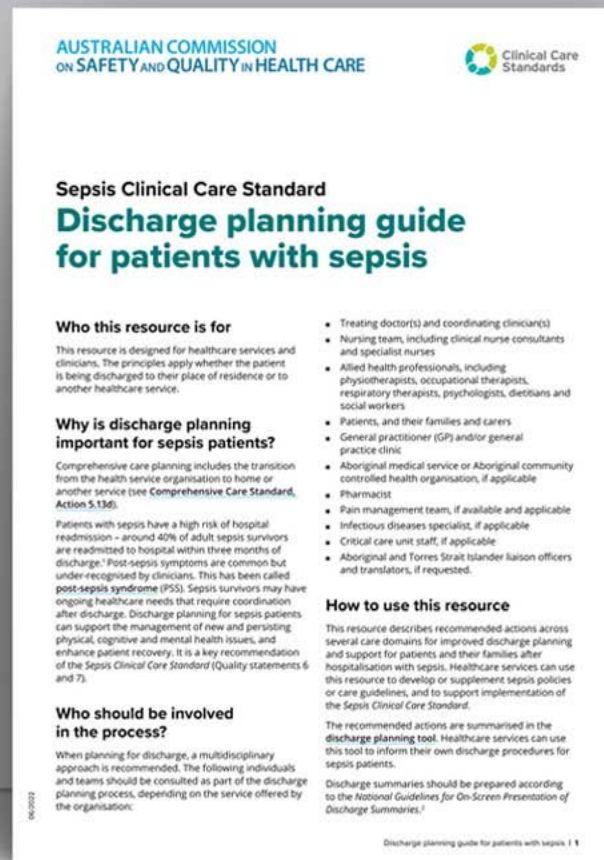
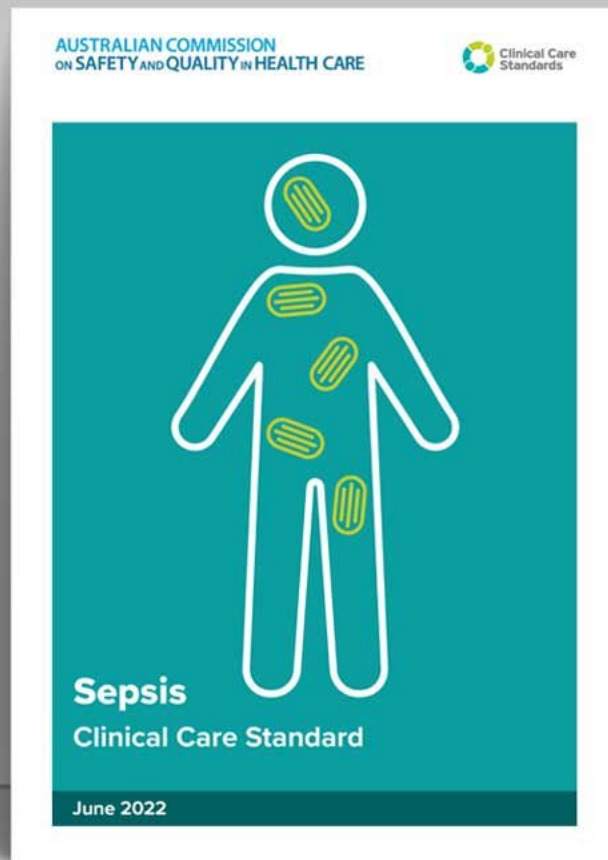


**REFLECT ON  
PERSONAL  
BELIEFS AND  
BEHAVIOURS**

# **CULTURAL SAFETY**

- **Shift towards truly patient-centred care**
- **Be aware of our own culture, beliefs and expectations**
- **Think about how that impacts our personal practice, and the way we interact with patients**
- **Ensure all people feel they can be themselves and access quality care that suits their needs, in a service they can trust**





CLINICAL CARE STANDARD

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

CONSUMER RESOURCES

CASE STUDIES



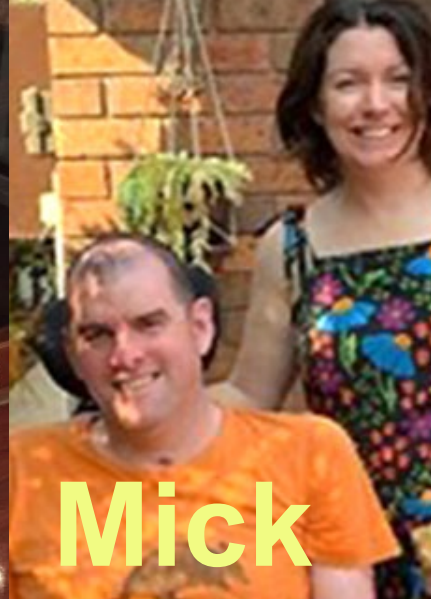


**Maddy**

1998-2017



**Matt**



**Mick**



**Thomas**

2003-2017



**Mandy**

**FACES OF SEPSIS: [www.australiansepsisnetwork.net.au](http://www.australiansepsisnetwork.net.au)**



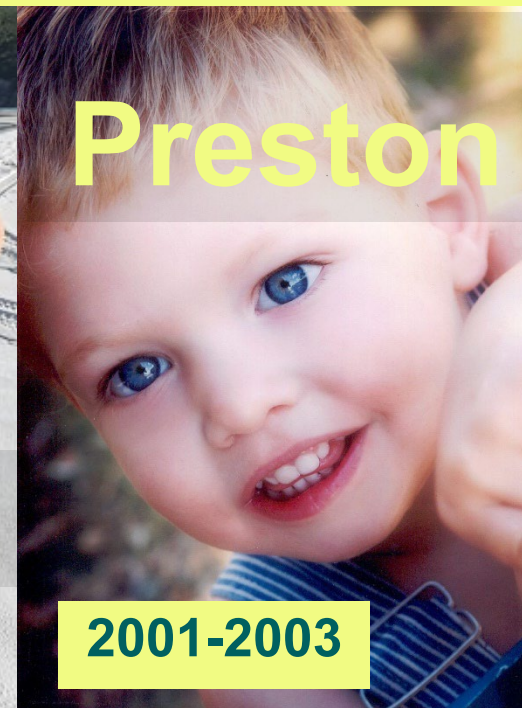
**Korina**



**Fiona**



**Leana**



**Preston**

2001-2003



**Mia**