

# MATERNAL SEPSIS

## WHAT IS MATERNAL SEPSIS?

Maternal sepsis is a life-threatening condition defined as

**organ dysfunction  
resulting from infection**

during pregnancy, childbirth, post-abortion, or postpartum period.

## WHO IS AT RISK?

Any woman who is **pregnant,**  
has had a **miscarriage**  
or an **abortion,**  
or who has given **birth**  
is at risk of developing maternal sepsis.

## WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?

Sepsis can take many forms:

FEVER OR HYPOTHERMIA



**+** ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

FAST HEART BEAT  
LOW BLOOD PRESSURE



RESPIRATORY DISTRESS



JAUNDICE



DECREASED URINATION



ALTERED MENTAL STATUS



**IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE SIGNS, ACT FAST!**

Sepsis is life-threatening,  
but when caught early  
and treated promptly,  
**it can be stopped.**

**STOP  
SEPSIS!**



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