The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN) is asking for your institution / organization’s support to the enclosed World Sepsis Declaration for World Sepsis Day. World Sepsis Day is an initiative from the Global Sepsis Alliance and its founding members, the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine (WFSICCM), the World Federation of Intensive and Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS), the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN), the International Sepsis Forum (ISF) and the Sepsis Alliance (SA).

So far, over 180 national and international societies and non-profit organizations, 1,300 hospitals, and over 1500 healthcare professionals are now supporting World Sepsis Day.

The message is simple: sepsis must receive the utmost priority as a medical emergency, so that all patients can expect to receive basic interventions, including antibiotics and intravenous fluids, within the first hour.

Sepsis, also known as septicaemia, is a life-threatening condition that arises when the body’s response to an infection injures its own tissues and organs. Additional information on the global health burden of sepsis is available in the World Sepsis Declaration.

In Canada* sepsis claims an estimated 9,320 lives every year, representing 10.9% of all deaths occurring in hospitals.¹ Sepsis is associated with extended hospital stays and considerable health care resource use.² ³ Patients whose sepsis occurred after they were admitted to hospital had 56% higher odds of dying than those diagnosed on admission. A typical episode of sepsis in Canada results in an average of 9 days longer than the median length of stay for other hospitalizations and 45% of all sepsis patients admitted to ICU in Canada died.¹ The rapid delivery of basic interventions – first-hour antibiotics and intravenous fluids – increases survival rates by up to 50%, and is recognized as international best practice. Unfortunately not enough patients receive these interventions. *Quebec data not available

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We are not seeking a public commitment to any specific target from your institution / organization and there is no cost associated with your support. We ask only that you register your support and assess your own improvement needs and, where necessary, allocate resources to achieve those improvements.

Please register your Institution/Organization to raise the profile of sepsis with the World Health Organization! You can register online: www.world-sepsis-day.org/register

Or Contact the World Sepsis Day Head Office Email: office@world-sepsis-day.org

We urge you to join the global movement dedicated to reducing the health, economic and human burden of sepsis by committing your hospital / organization to the World Sepsis Declaration.

References:
1. Canadian Institute for Health Information, In Focus: A National Look at Sepsis(Ottawa, Ont:CIHI 2009)
Pledge of Support for the World Sepsis Declaration

As a responsible officer for ________________________________________________________________

(Organization)

I, the undersigned, confirm my organization's commitment to the ideals and goals of the World Sepsis Declaration ('the Declaration') as published in March 2012.

My organization shall undertake an assessment of contribution to each of the five domains set out in the Declaration for the population we serve, namely:

- Reducing sepsis incidence through prevention
- Improving survival for children and adults
- Raising public and professional awareness and understanding of sepsis
- Ensuring improved access to rehabilitation services
- Creating and maintaining sepsis incidence and outcomes databases

Where necessary, achievable and appropriate, my organization will set targets appropriate to its remit and divert resources to meeting those targets.

Our members and staff will be encouraged to initiate and contribute to events in support of World Sepsis Day on September 13th 2012.

I give permission for my organization's name to be publicized by the GSA as a valued supporter of the World Sepsis Declaration.

Sincerely,

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(Signature)          (Name)

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(Date)      (Position)

on behalf of:

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(Organization)

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