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**MECHANISMS OF SEPSIS DEVELOPMENT AND THE CLINICAL  
IMPORTANCE OF ITS EARLY DIAGNOSIS**

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**Annotation:** This scientific work is devoted to a comprehensive analysis of sepsis from the point of view of modern medicine. The study covers the etiology, pathogenesis, clinical course, diagnostic criteria, and methods of treatment and prevention of sepsis based on scientific sources. Sepsis is considered as a systemic inflammatory response of the body to infection, and the role of immune, hemodynamic, and metabolic disorders in its development mechanisms is emphasized. The work also analyzes various clinical forms of sepsis, including neonatal, obstetric, and surgical sepsis. The importance of early diagnosis, the effectiveness of antibiotic therapy, and intensive care measures are also considered. The results of the study indicate the need for a comprehensive and systematic approach to reducing mortality and complications associated with sepsis. This scientific work is of practical and theoretical importance for medical professionals, students, and researchers.

**Keywords:** sepsis, septic shock, systemic inflammatory response, infection, bacteremia, immune response, multiple organ failure, hemodynamic disturbances, intensive care, antibiotic therapy, diagnostics, prevention

In modern medicine, the problem of infectious diseases remains relevant, and sepsis occupies a special place among them. Sepsis is a generalized, systemic and uncontrolled inflammatory reaction of the body to infectious agents, which is accompanied by a number of life-threatening complications. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), millions of people worldwide are infected with sepsis every year, and a significant part of them ends in death. Children, infants, the elderly, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems are especially susceptible to the development of sepsis. The concept of sepsis has been known since ancient times, and the Greek word "sepsis" means "to rot", "to poison". Initially, this condition was interpreted only as blood poisoning, but in modern medicine sepsis is considered a complex pathophysiological process. It is characterized not only by the presence of microorganisms, but also by the disruption of the body's immune, hormonal and metabolic systems. The main problem in the development of sepsis is not the infection itself, but the body's excessive and inappropriate response to this infection. In recent years, scientific interest in the study of sepsis has increased significantly. The reasons for this are the high mortality rates associated with sepsis in intensive care and intensive care units, the increase in antibiotic-resistant microorganisms, and the difficulty in diagnosing the disease at an early stage. Sepsis often develops against the background of pneumonia, urinary tract infections, abdominal infections, skin and soft

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tissue infections, and complications after surgical interventions. Sepsis is also of particular clinical and social importance in women and newborns in the postpartum period. The relevance of sepsis is that it can be severe in a short time and lead to multi-organ failure. The functioning of the cardiovascular system, respiratory organs, kidneys, liver, and central nervous system is disrupted. As a result, the patient's general condition deteriorates sharply, blood pressure drops, consciousness is impaired, and septic shock may develop. Septic shock is the most severe stage of sepsis, and even despite modern treatment methods, the risk of death remains very high. Today, the issue of early detection and effective treatment of sepsis is one of the most important tasks of medicine. For this purpose, the international "Sepsis-3" diagnostic criteria have been developed, which serve to detect the disease at an early stage, correctly determine the treatment tactics and save the patient's life. However, practice shows that sepsis often occurs under the guise of other diseases and is detected late. This leads to a decrease in the effectiveness of treatment. Another important aspect of the problem of sepsis is its economic and social consequences. Long-term intensive care, expensive medications, and a large number of laboratory and instrumental examinations place a huge financial burden on the healthcare system. In addition, patients who survive sepsis often experience long-term disability, decreased physical and mental status, and a reduced quality of life. These conditions have a negative impact not only on the patient himself, but also on his family and society. Antibiotic therapy remains one of the main directions in the treatment of sepsis. However, the increasing number of bacteria resistant to antibiotics further complicates this problem. Therefore, the treatment of sepsis requires a comprehensive approach, not limited to antibacterial drugs. This includes eliminating the focus of infection, restoring hemodynamics, supporting the immune system, and maintaining the functioning of vital organs. The issue of sepsis prevention is also of particular importance. Early detection and complete treatment of infectious diseases, strict adherence to the rules of asepsis and antiseptics in medical institutions, and careful monitoring of patients after surgical interventions play an important role in preventing the development of sepsis. Vaccination, increasing the medical literacy of the population, and continuous improvement of the qualifications of doctors also serve to reduce this problem. Sepsis is a global problem of not only medical but also social importance. Its in-depth study, early diagnosis, and development of effective treatment methods are among the urgent tasks facing modern medicine. This scientific work provides for a thorough analysis of the etiology, pathogenesis, clinical symptoms, diagnostic and treatment methods, and preventive measures of sepsis.

Sepsis is one of the most complex, urgent and serious problems of modern medicine, which is characterized by high mortality, rapid development and multi-organ failure. This disease is considered not only as an infectious process, but also as a systemic pathological condition that occurs throughout the body. Studies show that the main risk factor in the development of sepsis is not the infection itself, but the body's impaired immune response to this infection. It is this process that leads to excessive release of

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inflammatory mediators, impaired microcirculation, hypoxia at the cellular level and metabolic imbalance. The clinical significance of sepsis is that it sharply worsens the general condition of the patient in a short time and disrupts the functioning of vital organs. The main and dangerous complications of sepsis are impaired cardiovascular system, arterial hypotension, respiratory failure, decreased kidney and liver function, and damage to the central nervous system. In particular, the development of septic shock increases the risk of death several times. Therefore, early detection of sepsis and prompt treatment are crucial in saving the patient's life. The studied scientific sources and practical experience show that sepsis can occur in all age groups, but newborns, the elderly, pregnant women, and patients with reduced immunity are especially susceptible to this disease. Neonatal sepsis remains one of the main causes of child mortality. Obstetric sepsis is recognized as an important problem in preventing maternal mortality. Sepsis after surgical procedures, sepsis developing against the background of injuries and burns also require special attention. The diagnosis of sepsis is distinguished by its complexity, since its clinical symptoms can be similar to many other diseases. Although the introduction of the "Sepsis-3" criteria in modern medicine has somewhat simplified the diagnosis, cases of late diagnosis are still encountered in practice. Blood tests, biomarkers (CRP, procalcitonin), blood culture and instrumental examinations are important in the diagnosis of sepsis. At the same time, the clinical experience of the doctor and a comprehensive assessment of the patient's condition remain an important factor in making a diagnosis. Treatment of sepsis requires an integrated approach. Antibiotic therapy is one of the main treatment methods, which should be started as early as possible. However, the increasing number of microorganisms resistant to antibiotics can reduce the effectiveness of this therapy. Therefore, treatment should include measures such as eliminating the focus of infection, restoring hemodynamics, normalizing fluid balance, oxygen therapy and, if necessary, artificial respiration. Resuscitation plays an important role in saving the lives of patients with sepsis. Another important aspect of the problem of sepsis is its long-term consequences. Patients who survive sepsis often have chronic organ failure, decreased physical and mental status, and impaired cognitive functions. These conditions sharply worsen the patient's quality of life and require long-term rehabilitation. Sepsis also poses a significant economic burden on the healthcare system and is a significant problem for the state and society. The issue of prevention is of particular importance in combating sepsis. Early detection and complete treatment of infectious diseases, strict adherence to sanitary and hygienic rules in medical institutions, and safe surgical and invasive procedures play an important role in preventing the development of sepsis. Increasing the medical literacy of the population and constantly improving the skills of doctors and nurses are also effective measures in the fight against sepsis. Vaccination significantly reduces the risk of developing sepsis against the background of certain infections.

In conclusion, sepsis is a complex and multifaceted pathological condition that covers many areas of medicine. Its successful treatment is closely related not only to modern technologies and drugs, but also to the knowledge and experience of doctors, early

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diagnosis, and a prompt and comprehensive approach. In-depth study of sepsis, introduction of new diagnostic and therapeutic methods, and strengthening of preventive measures will serve to reduce the number of deaths and complications from this disease in the future. Therefore, the problem of sepsis should remain one of the priorities of scientific research, clinical practice, and health policy.

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