

Knowing these symptoms can save your life

Meningococcal Disease will kill within hours if not diagnosed and treated quickly

Early signs of Meningococcal Septicemia are similar to those of the flu, however a person with meningococcal septicemia will usually get sicker and deteriorate much more rapidly than someone suffering from the flu.

Swift treatment makes all the difference

Between them, they are missing 12 fingers and 8 toes. One has major growth platelet damage, the other massive body scarring and the loss of a lower leg muscle.



"Working with all Australians in the fight against Meningococcal Disease"



EDUCATION

A selection of videos and brochures are available for everything you need to know to help protect you and your family against this meningococcal disease. The Stephen Sanig Foundation also provides Guest Speakers on

Meningococcal Disease for your organisation.

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VACCINATION

Vaccination for C-strain is available and children and teenagers aged 1-19 are vaccinated free of charge.

Don't share ...

food, dips, icecreams, drinks, bottles, straws, lip-stick, toothbrushes, cigarettes, mouth guards, musical instruments with mouthpieces

NOTE: While this poster contains information on meningococcal disease, you are strongly advised to obtain professional assessment on individual cases.



Stephen died 14 hrs after the first symptom

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MENINGOCOCCAL SEPTICEMIA HAS DIFFERENT SYMPTOMS TO MENINGITIS



Meningococcal Septicemia
Is caused when the bacteria invades through the blood system

Meningococcal Meningitis
Is an infection of the membrane and fluid covering the brain and spinal cord

High Fever	✓	✓
Cold hands and feet	✓	✗
Cold Shivers	✓	✗
Rapid breathing	✓	✗
Drowsiness/Tiredness	✓	✓
Confusion or disorientation	✓	✓
Vomiting/Nausea	✓	✓
Severe headache	✗	✓
Sensitivity to light	✗	✓
Stiff or painful neck, backache	✗	✓
Irritable, fussy or agitated	✓	✓
Pain in muscles, joints, chest and abdomen	✓	✗
RASH	✓	✓?

Always seek professional medical advice.

But not always. May develop in later stage of infection



A PERSON WITH MENINGOCOCCAL SEPTICEMIA MAY NEVER EXPERIENCE HEADACHE OR STIFF NECK

IN BABIES		
Poor feeding	✓	✓
Moaning/High pitched cry	✓	✓
Blank staring expression	✓	✓
Floppy/lethargic difficult to wake	✓	✓
Arching of body/neck	✓	✓
Dislike of being handled	✓	✓
Bulging fontanelle	✓	✓

Less than 1 in 20 people die of Meningococcal Meningitis (20%)
But more than 8 in 20 people die of Meningococcal Septicemia (40%)

Meningococcal Australia is a national organisation set up to help prevent meningococcal disease through education, research and ongoing support for families and victims of meningococcal disease. Comprising: The Stephen Sanig Foundation, NSW (02) 4332 4120 - The Amanda Young Foundation, WA (08) 9398 7275 - The Paige Weatherspoon Foundation, SA (08) 8821 1164.
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