

# This is why: Elaine's story



## With CST, we'll catch and treat sepsis sooner

Elaine is an accomplished musician and works as a project manager. In her downtime she loves to do yoga at her community center.

Elaine recently underwent surgery. At first, she seemed to be recovering well. Then she started to shake, had a fever and was lethargic. Eventually, she lost consciousness and had to have another surgery to save her life. It took months for Elaine to fully recover, although many patients don't.

In a busy hospital, it was easy for the warning signs of Elaine's sepsis to be missed.

Unfortunately, this is a patient story that happens too often.

Sepsis is one of the leading causes of death in acute care settings, but it doesn't have to be. With CST, automated surveillance and alerts, based on electronic documentation, will allow for earlier identification of sepsis. And standardized guidelines embedded in the system will help care teams treat sepsis in the best way possible.

*Elaine is a fictional character but her story is a composite based on true events.*



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