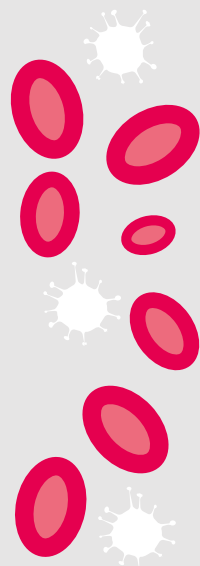


# SCIENCE NEWS IN NUMBERS



The number of deaths in the UK caused by sepsis every year is

**44,000**

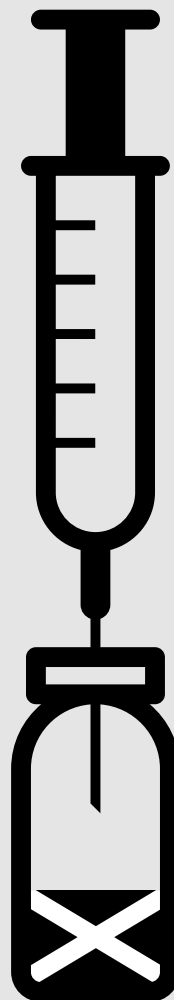
This is more than bowel, breast and prostate cancer combined. Despite this, a recent survey says

**44%**

of people in the UK have never heard of sepsis.

**Hospital beds:** The King's Fund has published the report *NHS hospital bed numbers: past, present and future*.

It says the total number of NHS hospital beds in England has decreased by more than 50% over the past 30 years. It has dropped from around 299,000 to 142,000, while the number of patients treated has increased significantly.



Cancers linked to excess weight make up 40% of all US diagnoses, says a new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study.

The study found that between 2005 and 2014, the rates of overweight-linked cancers increased by 7%, while rates of cancers not associated with obesity declined by 13%.



**41%**

This is the reduction in the number of young women in Scotland showing early signs of potential cervical cancer, since a school vaccination programme was introduced. The University of Aberdeen study looked at women who had received the human papilloma virus vaccine.

**Cholera**  
Health officials from around the world are meeting in France to commit to preventing 90% of cholera deaths by 2030.

WHO statistics for cholera in 2016:

**132,121**

The reported number of cholera cases

**2420** the number of cholera deaths

**80%** of cases can be treated using only oral rehydration salts

