

Sepsis/Shock Content Kelly Wilson

Lewis-66

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On-line Content (1hr)

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss care of a patient with sepsis
- Discuss personal attitude about caring for patients with sepsis
- Evaluate methods to assist family members/significant others experiencing life-threatening conditions

Assignment:

Read Lewis Chapter 66

Copy and paste the following website into your search bar:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99rvWSDUvo>

Watch the short video and read Rory Staunton's story as told by his parents.

Answer the following questions related to sepsis and Rory's story:

1. Discuss how this case makes you feel as a parent or family member.
As a parent it makes me devastated to hear of a loss so young for such a simple solution that could have kept him alive. As a mother of two boys who were constantly cutting themselves, this is scary that our school staffs are not properly trained to clean a cut and bandaged properly, or that a hospital staff could not know basic s/s of infection of an open wound.
2. Discuss how this case makes you feel as a nurse.
As a nurse this saddens me, because it is so easy to clean a cut properly and monitor for redness, warmth, and drainage. To know that a fever following a cut is not normal. That there are people in charge of a child's life that do not know the simple signs of infection and that an infection if not treated can

cause a whirlwind of problems in the body. I feel like this is common protocol to know if someone is presenting with the symptoms that Rory did that an open wound should be looked at as the possible cause.

3. Discuss the actual or possible “failures” in this scenario.

The teacher should have properly cleaned and bandage the wound, the doctors should have looked over every possible reason for this kid being sick, like checking the elbow, looking at how the elbow looked. That the school staff should be educated on properly cleaning cuts and the reasoning behind possible infections that can occur. The hospital staff and the pediatrician should have been educated better on knowing the s/s of infection and that untreated could lead to sepsis.

4. How will you use what you learned from Rory’s case as a nurse, and how will this information guide your future practice?

I will use as a reminder that no cut is too small or minor that it should not be cleaned properly and monitored. I will use this as a reminder to listen to my patients and hear their symptoms, never minimize them, and always investigate them until I can rule out all issues. That you should always completely look over your patient to avoid missing anything that could be a tell all to an infection. I will continue to keep up on my education to further my skills as a nurse.

Place your answers to these questions in the **Unit 8 Shock Dropbox by 0800 on 3/28/2022**. Be prepared to share and discuss your thoughts in class.

In order to receive full credit (1 hour class time) for this assignment, it must be completed in its entirety by the due date/time assigned. Any assignments not completed in its entirety will result in missed class time.