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Sepsis/Shock Content
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.
-This case breaks my heart as a parent. Sepsis is very scary because the symptoms can be brushed off as your body fighting your infection like any other time, when actually it is fighting for its life. The speed that the body can go septic is unbelievable and it is very important, as a healthcare provider and especially as a parent, to know the signs of sepsis. After the little girls in our area recently had their experience with sepsis, one passing away and one recovering, it brings to light just how serious this is. I don't think there will ever be a time when it

wont cross my mind when dealing with the common infection from here on out.

2. Discuss how this case makes you feel as a nurse.

-As a nurse, this case makes me upset. You are told to trust doctors and nurses to take care of you and figure out what is going on so that you can be appropriately treated and when that is missed, especially with a child, it kind of knocks the wind out of you. As a student nurse who will be graduating in a few weeks, this reminds me that even seasoned health care providers can miss s/s. It is extremely important to take all of that data you collect from your patients and get down to the root cause, and quickly.

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

-I think the greatest failure in this case was the healthcare team that was working with the family. Rory not only saw emergency room doctors but he saw his pediatrician. These professionals should have been able to pickup on the s/s that were right in front of them that would lead them to the diagnosis of sepsis. Its frightening to think that his death could have possibly been prevented if someone would have just put the data that was right in front of them together.

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

-Like I said earlier, especially after the cases around our area this season, I don’t think that I will ever encounter a patient with an infection and not have sepsis run through my mind. Especially in children, I will be hypervigilant on the s/s of sepsis and I will absolutely speak up if I feel that further testing should be done if I suspect sepsis. I will also share the information to my family and friends so that they can be educated on this important topic.

Place your answers to these questions in the **Unit 8 Shock Dropbox by 0800 on 3/27/2023**. 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.