

## Sepsis/Shock Content

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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 makes me feel very sad because it seemed like they school, and healthcare system failed this child by not catching onto his symptoms fast enough. His death could have been prevented easily if information on sepsis was more readily available to people. This is something very devastating, it's the feeling that their child could have been saved but they are the ones who lost everything to help others.

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

As a nurse, I am surprised that sepsis wasn't heard of to so many people including those in healthcare. I feel like this is something that should have been recognized sooner and I'm surprised they didn't keep the child overnight or send them to another hospital to further investigate what was going on. Instead, they just released the child to go back home till he came back when things progressed.

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

Actual failures would be the school not cleaning the child’s cut before placing a band aid on it. This is basic sanitation practice that should always be practiced. The doctors and nurses failed this family and young boy by not further investigating his signs and symptoms and at least managing them till they found a cause.

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 what I learned in Rory’s case as a nurse by always taking sanitary precautions to prevent infections as well as not overlooking someone’s symptoms as nothing. You should always investigate further especially when the family is indicating something isn’t right with the child.

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.*