

# 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.

As a family member, this case makes me feel sad and opened my eyes to realize how much information is unknown about sepsis. If this were my family member, I would hope that the medical staff would be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of sepsis and be able to promptly treat it before it becomes too late.

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

As a nurse, this case makes me recognize that the symptoms of sepsis are likely unknown by many healthcare personnel and it is important for the signs and symptoms to become part of quick and recognizable patient care. I feel that sepsis should be more known by nurses and doctors, as it is preventable, and this is

essential to improve outcomes in the healthcare setting. I was not fond of him being discharged when he was not in the condition to go home.

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

There were several failures in this scenario. I feel that although it was just a cut while playing basketball, that the school should have taken initiative to clean and sanitize the cut. I feel that the doctors and nurses should have been able to recognize symptoms of sepsis to prevent the death of Rory.

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 this information as a nurse by educating myself and fellow staff, along with patients and families, on the signs and symptoms of sepsis, and the common causes. I think it is important for everyone to be able to recognize sepsis or what possible signs could be as it affects many people. This information will guide my future practice by allowing myself to learn more on the topic of sepsis, along with other disease processes to expand my knowledge and recognition skills to provide safe, quality patient care.

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.*