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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.
  - a. **This case is very sad, and the video portraying the multiple failures in the healthcare delivery from the school until the unfortunate death of the child is very upsetting. As a parent this would make me very sad as well as very angry, because after learning more there were multiple steps of the way that could have prevented the outcome of sepsis and death for the young boy.**
2. Discuss how this case makes you feel as a nurse.

- a. I think that the response is similar no matter which way you look at it, for a school and medical professional to fail a family and child who put their trust in that system to care for their child is very upsetting. I think there is however an extra factor when putting yourself into a nurses role, because we are practicing health care professionals we hate to hear that there are other medical professional who did not provide thorough assessment or monitoring of a patient and sent them home only for them to go septic, because we know the medical management of patients and know it was not followed in this case.**
- 3. Discuss the actual or possible “failures” in this scenario.**
  - a. I think that the first failure was the lack of knowledge of proper wound care and cleaning at the school which was the initial start for the infection. The next failure in the chain was when the parents decided to take him to the pediatrician and the lack of assessment for infection and sepsis or the patient education for signs and symptoms to look out for that could have promoted early detection at home. The next failure was the hospital in both identify early signs and educating the patient and family again on when to be concerned or things to look out for. The combination of the multiple failures from the injury until the ICU were the cause for the result of the infection and 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?**
  - a. I think that this story gave me a good perspective to carry with me into the nursing world, because each action that I do is for a reason and forgetting something even as small as education could result in worsening health or in this case death of that patient. I think that it will make me extra cautious when assessing my patient and give me that extra reminder to educate them on prevention.**

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.*