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 story both terrifies me and saddens me. I'm not a parent, so I don't know what it is like to lose a child, but imagining one of my family members in that situation where they died a completely preventable death absolutely fills me with so much sadness, rage, and fear.

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

   As a nurse, it absolutely surprises me that those doctors not only couldn't find what was wrong with him, but also sent him home without pharmacological treatment knowing he was still sick.

3. Discuss the actual or possible "failures" in this scenario.

   Many failures happened in this scenario from many different sources. First, the school didn't even try to clean the wound and just put a band-aid on the wound. Had they done that, Rory's death may have been prevented before hospitalization. Second, the pediatrician didn't pick up on the signs of infection and sent Rory home the first time and as a result, he got sicker and very soon, it became too late to save him. The third failure lies with the CDC for not having information about sepsis on their website. If they had the information available then more people, including the pediatrician, would have been able to spot the signs of sepsis before it was too late.

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

   Rory's case really sticks with me. It showed me just how important our assessments really are and going into my nursing practice, I will always do my best to be vigilant about looking out for signs and symptoms of infection.