

# Sepsis/Shock Content

Lewis-42

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On-line Content (1hr)

Learning Objectives:

- Compare the effects of shock, sepsis, systemic inflammatory response syndrome, and multiple organ dysfunction on the major body systems. (1,2)\*
- Compare the interprofessional care, drug therapy, and nursing management of patients with different types of shock. (1,5,6)\*
- Describe the interprofessional care and nursing management of a patient experiencing multiple organ dysfunction syndrome. (1,2,6)\*

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## Assignment:

Read Lewis Chapter 42

Copy and paste the following website into your search bar:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99rvWDSDuvo>

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 makes me feel so sad for the loss that this family had to endure. I can't imagine how they felt in that moment where they left the hospital without their son. I am not sure if they had a prior medical knowledge about what sepsis is but if they did not I bet they had to so many questions and were so confused about how their healthy son passed away in the matter of a couple days. This story makes a big impact in the medical world and lays an example of if you feel something is wrong seek treatment immediately.
2. Discuss how this case makes you feel as a nurse.  
-As a nurse learning all of the different diseases and the processes it really does show that one needs to be an investigator and look into what the patient

was there for. In the story it mentioned that Rory had a cut from playing basketball so something so minor ended up costing him his life so one should always look at the bigger picture. Knowing that this was preventable I am sure the nurses felt a sense of guilt about this situation but there was no protocols put in place so there wasn't much they were trained on doing.

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

-I believe that one of the possible failures in this situation was not visualizing Rory sooner like scheduling a doctors appointment so he could have had a check up instead of waiting that many days until he was that critical. I think the lab work and all the diagnostic testing were not done for Rory so without that protocol they weren't looking for sepsis at all. The lack of knowledge from the facility I believe contributed to the death of Rory so more education on what sepsis is could be beneficial in this case.

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 Rory's story as an example because anything could happen and I want to make sure I catch things quickly and if I feel something is wrong with my patient and needs to be looked further I will advocate for them. I will follow the protocols set in place by my facility and have that guide my practice to be able to help my patient. This case amazed by how something so minor could cost someone's life so definitely will not take this lightly.

Place your answers to these questions in the **Unit 8 Shock Dropbox by 0800 on 3/24/2025**. 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 and must be completed by the end of the semester to pass the course.*