

Sepsis/Shock Content
Lewis - CH 66
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ON-LINE CONTENT (1 H)

Learning Objectives

- Discuss care of a patient diagnosed 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 CH 66

Visit the following website: patientsafetymovement.org

Type the following name in the search box on the top left side of the page: **Rory Staunton**

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 other family member.
 - Rory's case made me extremely sad as I feel like the healthcare system failed this child. I feel as though further testing should have went on in this case and as a parent we know when something is wrong with our child and this should have been a good enough indicator to the physicians that something was not right. He was extremely ill and they still discharged him home without giving Rory the proper treatment. His case of sepsis was not identified or treated quick enough to help him and therefore a 12 year old child died.
2. Discuss how this case makes you feel as a nurse.
 - As a nurse this case made me feel again very sad. I think that more education should go along with sepsis so that we as healthcare professionals can identify this quick enough to ensure good patient outcomes.
3. Discuss the actual or possible "failures" in this scenario.
 - I think a definite failure on the physician and nurse's part is that sepsis was not identified, and the child was still discharged home even after clinical signs that the child was unwell. He should have been evaluated and treated further before discharging him home. The patients expressed their concerns, and this still was not evaluated further.

4. How will you use what you learned from Rory's case and how it makes you feel as a parent or family member and, as a nurse, to guide your future practice?
 - This case really made me realize how important our nursing assessment and evaluation is. We determine patient outcomes and for this child there was a lack of assessment, communication, and treatment. Understanding what common S/S are of diseases/conditions such as sepsis is extremely important to identify patient illnesses and treat them within a timely manner.

Place your answers to the questions in the Unit 8 Shock Dropbox by 08000 on 03/22/2021. Be prepared to share and discuss your answers in class.

In order to receive full credit (1 H 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.