



**OUR
FOUNDATION:
A DECADE
IN REVIEW**





July 2019

- Report shows N.Y. sepsis protocols resulted in a significantly greater decline in mortality in New York compared with states that did not implement mandatory protocols



September 2017

- Foundation partners with American Federation of Teachers to create and disseminate first K-12 sepsis education curriculum

December 2017

- New Jersey passes mandatory sepsis protocols

May 2017

- World Health Organization adopts a resolution on improving the prevention, diagnosis and management of sepsis



October 2016

- Orlaith Staunton honored as a L'Oréal Paris Woman of Worth, providing a global platform for sepsis awareness through massive online engagement



September 2015

- Foundation launches National Family Council on Sepsis in all 50 states

May 2014

- At the Foundation's urging, CDC adds sepsis information page to its website



January 2013

- New York enacts mandatory sepsis protocols (Rory's Regulations) for every hospital in the state



April 2012

- Rory Staunton dies from undiagnosed, untreated sepsis

October 2019



- Foundation launches major program to combat the maternal sepsis crisis

July 2018

- Major report shows rapid application of N.Y. sepsis protocols reduced pediatric sepsis deaths by 40%



October 2017

- New York passes Rory Staunton's Law, giving all school children access to sepsis education and requiring 468,000 medical professionals to complete sepsis training

September 2017

- Nearly 2 million Americans view *People Magazine's* video on Rory Staunton's story



March 2017

- First report on impact of Rory's Regulations shows 20% increase in sepsis identification and 21% increase in survival rate, resulting in 4,727 lives saved to date



August 2016

- CDC designates sepsis a medical emergency for the first time

September 2014

- Foundation's First National Forum on Sepsis held, convening leaders across sectors to address the sepsis crisis



September 2013

- First U.S. Senate Hearing on Sepsis

September 2012

- Rory Staunton Foundation for Sepsis Prevention established



Sepsis in America: Our Decade of Progress

Sepsis killed our son, a tragedy beyond comprehension.

A message from the Founders:

On April 1, 2012, at 6:29 pm, our 12-year-old son, Rory Staunton, died from undiagnosed, untreated and preventable sepsis. The medical community to whom we had entrusted his care missed every symptom. Until our son's death we had never heard the word "sepsis". We later learned it kills more than 250,000 Americans every year.

Despite our intense grief, we knew our son would have wanted us to do all in our power to spare others his fate. To honor Rory's life, we founded the Rory Staunton Foundation for Sepsis Prevention.



Since then, we have stopped at nothing to achieve change. We knocked on the doors of New York's Governor and Health Commissioner and in 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed Rory's Regulations into law, along with a Parents' Bill of Rights. The regulations mandate that every hospital in the state must establish sepsis protocols, making New York State the first in the nation to create enforceable actions when sepsis could be present. Today, Rory's Regulations have saved thousands of lives. The data gathered from the protocols have advanced sepsis research and policy and been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals.

We began an intensive campaign to educate the public about the dangers and signs of sepsis. We painfully relived the details of Rory's death on the *TODAY Show*, *Dr. Oz* and a host of media outlets and were featured in *People Magazine* with over 44 million readers. The *New York Times* article regarding Rory's death became its most shared.

We have advocated for change at the federal and state levels, speaking in the chambers of the United States Senate and successfully compelling the CDC to declare sepsis "a national emergency" and to include sepsis information on their website. Our foundation developed sepsis education modules endorsed and promoted by the American Federation of Teachers and we created public services announcements viewed by millions. Through our National Family Council on Sepsis we have addressed doctors, nurses, and industry specialists, urging them to be vigilant in the hunt for sepsis. We do all this knowing it will never bring our Rory back, but with the belief that our work is saving lives.

This has been a decade of action and advocacy—but we are far from the finish line and there is still much to be done. While many states are adopting the Rory's Regulations model, many more are mired in inaction and too many Americans are still unaware of the threat of sepsis. Our goal is to end sepsis and we will not stop until sepsis is known and understood throughout the world—in Rory's name and in the name of so many we have learned to love and mourn on this journey.

To all who have supported our work over the past decade, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You have inspired and strengthened us and made this progress possible.

Ciaran & Orlaith Staunton
Rory's Parents & Co-Founders

Want to join the fight against sepsis?

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