

## **Instructor's Toolkit for "Finish the Story" Assignment: Thomas Sykes**

Learners have now seen Thomas and his family in three snapshots in time. The last assignment calls for students to finish the story and relate where they envision Thomas and the family about three months after their last encounter with them. This assignment should give faculty insight into what students have learned from the unfolding case.

The assignment may take on any of the forms below:

- short paper
- reflective journal entry
- class discussion
- small-group discussion
- online discussion
- student presentation using role-playing
- other – be creative

Whatever format you choose, encourage learners to indicate the reasoning behind their end of story, based on what they know about Thomas and his family and the challenges they are dealing with. Students should cite data to support their outcomes. They should relate their beliefs about the role of the nurse in continued care and any resources or referrals that might be needed. Consider collaborating with other faculty to facilitate caring for Thomas throughout the curriculum, including pediatric, psychiatric-mental health nursing and community health nursing.