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QUESTION 1

You are planning the assignment for the day. Which of the following would be the most appropriate assignment for the nursing assistant?

- A. A patient receiving a continuous tube feeding
- B. A patient who needs a urine culture sent to laboratory
- C. A patient who needs a colostomy changed
- D. A patient who is having problems swallowing

Correct Answer: B

The most appropriate assignment for the nursing assistant would be a urine culture collection for the laboratory. The nurse must choose the most appropriate assignment for each staff member on the unit. In this case the nursing assistant should have the appropriate skills to collect urine and send it to the laboratory.

QUESTION 2

What signs and symptoms would a patient with stage I Lyme disease have?

- A. Signs of neurological disorders
- B. Enlarged and inflamed joints
- C. Arthralgias
- D. Flu-like symptoms

Correct Answer: D

Stage I Lyme disease begins with a rash at the bite within 2 to 30 days. Then the patient develops Flu-like symptoms that last 7 to 10 days and may reoccur at a later date. Neurological symptoms occur in stage II, and arthralgias and inflamed joints occur in stage III.

QUESTION 3

What clinical manifestations would you see if your patient had cataracts?

- A. Eye pain
- B. Floating spots
- C. Blurred vision
- D. Diplopia

Correct Answer: C

Blurred vision is a clinical manifestation of cataracts. The patient may also exhibit decreased color perception.

All other signs are not signs of cataracts.

QUESTION 4

You are caring for a patient with a gunshot wound. As a result of the patient's Coumadin therapy, the prothrombin time is twice the normal amount. Which blood product do you expect the physician to order?

- A. Fresh frozen plasma
- B. Random donor platelets
- C. Red blood cells
- D. Crystalloids

Correct Answer: A

The patient with a prothrombin time greater than 1.5 times normal who is bleeding should receive fresh frozen plasma. A patient with thrombocytopenia would receive platelets. Anemic patients receive red blood cells, and crystalloids help establish and maintain fluid and electrolyte balance.

QUESTION 5

Which of the following assessments by the nurse would indicate a possible manifestation of dementia?

- A. Presence of personal hygienic care
- B. Improvement in sleeping
- C. Absence of sundown syndrome
- D. Confabulation

Correct Answer: D

Confabulation is when a patient fabricates events or experiences to fill in the gaps in memory. This is common with dementia patients. Dementia varies from the development of mild cognitive symptoms to more severe alterations in neurological functions. These more severe alterations can become life-threatening.

QUESTION 6

You have delegated the care of an older patient with hearing loss to a nursing assistant. You tell the nursing assistant that patients with this diagnosis:

- A. Are often distracted.
- B. Respond better to low pitched sounds.

- C. Have middle ear changes.
- D. Develop moist cerumen production.

Correct Answer: B

Older patients with hearing loss respond better to low pitch sounds. Age-related changes of the inner ear are called presbycusis. As a result of these changes the patient often loses the ability to hear high-pitched sounds.

QUESTION 7

A nurse from the surgical care unit has been floated to your unit for the day. Which of the following patients would you want to assign to this nurse?

- A. Exacerbation of heart failure
- B. Diabetes Type II, new onset
- C. Emergency appendectomy
- D. Thyrotoxicosis

Correct Answer: C

The nurse from the surgical care unit should be comfortable taking care of an emergency appendectomy patient. This nurse should be most comfortable with pre- and post-operative patients; therefore, the nurse should choose to give him or her those patients if available.

QUESTION 8

Which of the following would be prescribed for a patient with frostbite on the toes?

- A. Continuous, rapid rewarming of the toes in warm water until flushing returns
- B. Continuous, rapid rewarming of the toes in warm water for 15 to 20 minutes
- C. Continuous, rapid rewarming of the toes in warm water once flushing returns
- D. Continuous, rapid rewarming of the toes in cold water for 45 minutes

Correct Answer: A

The nurse should prepare for orders for continuous, rapid rewarming of the toes in warm water until flushing returns. Slow rewarming of the affected area can lead to increased cellular damage, so it is avoided. Rewarming can lead to pain, so analgesics should be prescribed.

QUESTION 9

You are caring for a patient who has been involuntarily admitted to the hospital because of violent behavior. The patient is demanding to leave the hospital. The nurse understands that keeping the patient will lead to:

- A. Charges of imprisonment
- B. Charges of assault
- C. Charges of slander
- D. No charges because the nurse's actions are reasonable.

Correct Answer: D

No charges will be filed against the nurse, because the actions of the nurse are reasonable. False imprisonment is an act with intent to confine a person to a specific area. This could be charged against the nurse if the patient had been voluntarily admitted to the hospital.

QUESTION 10

You are caring for a patient who has decided to discontinue treatment. You recognize that the patient is competent to make this decision and support the decision based on which of the following ethical principles?

- A. Justice
- B. Fidelity
- C. Autonomy
- D. Confidentiality

Correct Answer: C

The patient has the right to make this decision based on the ethical principal of autonomy. Justice refers to fairness. Fidelity has to do with trust and loyalty, and confidentiality refers to the right to privacy of personal information.

QUESTION 11

You are working in the Emergency department when you receive a call from a mother who says her three-year-old has ingested furniture polish. What should you tell the mother to do first?

- A. Induce vomiting.
- B. Bring the child to the emergency department.
- C. Call an ambulance.
- D. Call the poison control center.

Correct Answer: D

The mother needs to call the poison control center first. The poison control center will advise the mother what to do from there. Do not induce vomiting unless poison control says to do so. Poison control may advise that the mother bring the child to the emergency department; if so then the mother should call the ambulance.

QUESTION 12

Your patient has been stung by a bee. What signs and symptoms would you see if the patient had an allergic reaction to the sting?

- A. Normal respiratory rate
- B. Prolonged expiratory phase
- C. Wheezing on inspiration
- D. Decreased respiratory rate

Correct Answer: B

The nurse would want to monitor the patient for a prolonged expiratory phase. The allergic reaction would lead to air trapping and alveoli distention that occurs as a result of an anaphylactic response. Respiratory rate will be within normal limits, and wheezing occurs on expiration due to constricted bronchi.