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**QUESTION 1**

You are working in the emergency department and find out that a tornado has hit the local area. Numerous casualties are being sent to the emergency department. What action should you take at this time?

- A. Prepare the triage room.
- B. Obtain additional supplies.
- C. Activate the agency disaster plan.
- D. Call in additional staff.

Correct Answer: C

The nurse should activate the agency disaster plan. All the other options may be part of the disaster plan, but the first priority of the nurse should be to activate the disaster plan. This will cover all the necessary steps that the will need to take.

QUESTION 2

You are completing a hearing screening on a patient. You note that the sound lateralizes to the patient's left ear during a Weber test. What does this finding indicate?

- A. A normal finding
- B. Conductive hearing loss in the right ear
- C. Sensorineural or conductive loss
- D. Presence of nystagmus

Correct Answer: C

This test indicates sensorineural or conductive loss in the right ear. The Weber test is done by placing a vibrating tuning fork at the middle of the forehead. The patient should hear sound by bone conduction equally in both ears; if not, then the patient has hearing loss in the ear that did not hear the sound.

QUESTION 3

You are caring for a child who is going to have a tonsillectomy. Which of the following laboratory results would you want to check preoperatively?

- A. Prothrombin time
- B. Sedimentation rate
- C. Blood urea nitrogen
- D. Creatinine

Correct Answer: A



The nurse would want to check the prothrombin time preoperatively and report any abnormal results to the surgeon. The tonsillar area is very vascular, which can increase the patient's chance of bleeding. If the prothrombin time is not adequate, the patient could bleed to death.

QUESTION 4

You are observing one of the RNs on the unit administer medication. What action by the nurse would lead you to conclude there is a risk for a medication error?

- A. Answering a physician's page while giving medication
- B. Documenting in military time
- C. Asking for help with calculations
- D. Holding a medication that the patient questions

Correct Answer: A

Answering the phone during medication administration puts the nurse at risk for making an error. It is important not to interrupt the process of administering medications to prevent error. All other options are correct ways of handling medication administration.

QUESTION 5

You are caring for a patient in the emergency department. The patient has been drinking alcohol and is asking for medication. When you instruct the patient that they have to wait to be seen by the doctor, the patient becomes verbally abusive. You then obtain a set of restraints and instruct the patient if they do not calm down you will restrain them. What can you be charged with?

- A. Assault
- B. Battery
- C. Negligence
- D. Invasion of privacy

Correct Answer: A

You as the nurse can be charged with assault for threatening to restrain the patient. You as the nurse have put the patient in fear of harmful or offensive contact. In order for this to be a chargeable offense, the patient must be aware of the threat.

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