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**QUESTION 1**

Your patient has come into the emergency department with a self-inflicted wrist laceration that has severe bleeding. You have begun to apply pressure to the wound. What would your immediate priority be?

- A. See to the patient's need for psychiatric evaluation.
- B. Lower the patient's body temperature to decrease circulation.
- C. Place the extremity below the level of the heart.
- D. Monitor the patient for signs of shock.

Correct Answer: D

The nurse would need to monitor this patient for hypovolemic shock. Symptoms of shock would include tachycardia, cool, clammy skin and a change in level of consciousness. Hypovolemia leads to vasoconstriction and shunting of blood to central circulation. The patient will need to have a psychiatric evaluation, but it is not priority.

QUESTION 2

You are caring for a patient in respiratory acidosis. Which of the following results confirms this diagnosis?

- A. pH 7.50, PCO₂ 52 mm Hg
- B. pH 7.35, PCO₂ 40 mm Hg
- C. pH 7.25, PCO₂ 50 mm Hg
- D. pH 5.50, PCO₂ 30 mm Hg

Correct Answer: C

The patient with a pH 7.25 and PCO₂ 50 mm Hg is in respiratory acidosis. A normal pH would be 7.35 to 7.45, and a normal PCO₂ is 35 to 45 mm Hg. When looking at the labs, if the patient is in respiratory acidosis the pH will be down, and PCO₂ will be elevated.

QUESTION 3

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 4

Which of the following would the nurse do when performing an otoscopic exam on a patient?

- A. Pull the pinna up and back.
- B. Pull the earlobe down and back.
- C. Use the smallest speculum available.
- D. Tilt the patients head forward and down.

Correct Answer: A

The nurse would pull the pinna up and back before inserting the speculum, holding the head slightly away and holding the otoscope upside down like a large pen. The other three options are incorrect.

QUESTION 5

You are caring for a patient who has a fear of leaving his house. He only comes outside when accompanied by his spouse. What do you determine the patient is experiencing?

- A. Social phobia
- B. Agoraphobia
- C. Claustrophobia
- D. Hypochondriasis

Correct Answer: B

The patient is suffering from agoraphobia. Agoraphobia is the fear of open spaces and the fear of being trapped in a situation they may not be able to escape. It also includes a sense of helplessness or embarrassment if an attack occurs. This leads to a reduction in social or professional interactions.

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