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**QUESTION 1**

You are working on the postpartum unit today. Which task would you assign to a beginning nursing student?

- A. Ambulate a patient.
- B. Complete an admission assessment.
- C. Notify the physician of adverse labs.
- D. Verify a unit of blood.

Correct Answer: A

The only activity the nursing student can complete is to walk the patient. All other tasks must be completed by an RN. The RN is responsible for any tasks the nursing student completes and should only delegate unlicensed skills to the student.

QUESTION 2

An elderly patient comes into the emergency department to rule out stroke. On admission, vital signs are pulse 90, blood pressure 150/100 and respirations 20. Upon reassessment 30 minutes later, vital signs are pulse 78, blood pressure 170/90 and respirations 24 and irregular. What should be the nurse's first priority?

- A. Have the patient describe how they are feeling.
- B. Check the patient's Dilantin level.
- C. Decrease fluids.
- D. Encourage the patient to drink.

Correct Answer: C

The nurse should decrease the fluids based on this assessment. The patient is showing signs of hypervolemia and increased intracranial pressure. The other three options are inappropriate for a patient who is being monitored for a stroke.

QUESTION 3

Your patient is starting on disulfiram (Antabuse) for alcohol withdrawal. What is the highest priority for this patient?

- A. Social reintegration
- B. Learning about the disease
- C. Remaining abstinent
- D. Remaining in rehab

Correct Answer: C



The priority for the patient taking disulfiram (Antabuse) is to remain abstinent. Antabuse reacts with alcohol to cause adverse effects, which is why it is given to alcoholics. The other three options are important but can not occur without option C.

QUESTION 4

You are caring for a patient who has been admitted to the hospital involuntarily. You know based on this admission that the patient:

- A. Is a harm to himself or others
- B. Is requesting admission
- C. Has agreed to admission
- D. Has provided a written request for admission

Correct Answer: A

The patient has been involuntarily admitted to the hospital because he presents a threat to himself or others. In this situation the patient has not consented to admission. The patient will probably be upset about the admission and will request to leave repeatedly.

QUESTION 5

You are reviewing an arterial blood gas for a patient. Which result would lead you to believe this patient has respiratory acidosis?

- A. pH of 7.48
- B. PCO₂ of 32 mm Hg
- C. pH of 7.30
- D. HCO₃ of 20 mEq/L

Correct Answer: C

A pH level of 7.30 would indicate an acid base imbalance. The normal pH is 7.35 and 7.45. Anything less than 7.35 would indicate acidosis, and anything greater than 7.45 would indicate an alkaline state. The normal PCO₂ is 35 to 45 mm Hg. Bicarbonate is usually associated with a metabolic state.

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