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QUESTION 1

You are caring for a patient who came into the emergency department in a severe state of anxiety following a care accident. What would be appropriate nursing intervention for the patient?

- A. Remain with the patient.
- B. Put the patient in a quiet room.
- C. Teach the patient to deep breathe.
- D. Encourage the patient to talk about their feelings.

Correct Answer: A

Remain with the patient to prevent the patient from becoming overwhelmed and feeling abandoned. The primary focus of the nurse would be to put the patient at ease. It would not be possible to teach the patient to deep breathe or get them to talk until the anxiety has decreased. It would be okay to place the patient in a quiet room as long as you remain with them.

QUESTION 2

You are caring for a patient with a chest tube. When you turn the patient to the side the tube comes disconnected. What action should you take next?

- A. Notify the physician
- B. Place the tube in a bottle of sterile water
- C. Replace the chest tube
- D. Put a sterile dressing over the disconnected site

Correct Answer: B

The nurse should immediately place the tube in a bottle of sterile water. The system can then be replaced if necessary. A sterile dressing will not prevent complications associated with disconnection. The physician will need to be notified after the tube has been placed in sterile water.

QUESTION 3

Your patient came in to the emergency department with chest pain. Over the last hour the patient's blood pressure has dropped, pulse has increased and respirations have increased. What do you suspect these changes indicate?

- A. Cardiogenic shock
- B. Cardiac tamponade
- C. Pulmonary embolism
- D. Aortic aneurysm



Correct Answer: A

The changes in vital signs indicate that the patient is going into cardiogenic shock. Cardiogenic shock occurs when there is severe damage to the left ventricle. The patient may also display signs of decreased urine output and cool, clammy skin.

QUESTION 4

You are caring for a child with epiglottitis. On assessment of the child what would indicate to you that the child is experiencing airway obstruction?

- A. The child is leaning backwards and supporting himself with his hands and arms.
- B. The child has a low-grade fever and complains of a sore throat.
- C. The child is leaning forward with the chin thrust out.
- D. The child exhibits nasal flaring and bradycardia.

Correct Answer: C

If a child is leaning forward with the chin thrust out, this is an indication that the airway may be obstructed. Other indications might include nasal flaring, tachycardia, high fever and sore throat. To prevent spasm of the epiglottitis and airway obstruction, no attempt should be made to visualize the pharynx.

QUESTION 5

When a registered nurse (RN) decides to delegate care to unlicensed personnel, what should the RN take into consideration when delegating care?

- A. Amount of support from RN
- B. Complexity of nursing tasks
- C. Amount of time the staff member will need to complete care
- D. Capability of the staff member to perform assessments

Correct Answer: B

The RN needs to take the complexity of the nursing tasks into consideration when delegating care to unlicensed personnel. The nurse would need to consider the amount of education, skill, knowledge, and judgment of the unlicensed staff. The nurse would not consider the amount of support, but rather the amount of supervision that the staff member would need.

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