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QUESTION 1

There is a patient on the unit with herpes zoster. Which staff member would you avoid assigning to this patient?

- A. A nurse who has never had mumps
- B. A nurse who has never had chicken pox
- C. A nurse who has never had roseola
- D. A nurse who has never had German measles

Correct Answer: B

The nurse who has never had chicken pox should not be assigned to this patient. Herpes zoster is caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox; therefore, assigning this nurse to this patient would increase her chances of contracting chicken pox from the patient.

QUESTION 2

You are caring for a patient with major depression. The patient has become unable to complete her activities of daily living (ADLs). What intervention should the nurse take to help this patient?

- A. Complete all ADLs for the patient until the patient is able to do so for herself.
- B. Adjust the patient's schedule so that there is enough time for her to complete all her ADLs.
- C. Give the patient consequences for not completing ADLs.
- D. Have peers confront the patient on how noncompliance affects the unit.

Correct Answer: A

Until the patient is able to complete the ADLs, the nurse should complete them for the patient. The symptoms of major depression are depressed mood, loss of interest, changes in appetite and sleep patterns, agitation, fatigue, feelings of worthlessness and recurrent thoughts of death. The patient will not have the energy or interest in completing her ADLs.

QUESTION 3

You are caring for a patient in hypovolemic shock who will require plasma expansion. What do you suspect the physician will order?

- A. Cryoprecipitate
- B. Packed red blood cells
- C. Albumin
- D. Platelets

Correct Answer: C



Albumin would be given as a plasma expander. Cryoprecipitate is used with hemophilia patients who are bleeding because it is rich in clotting factors. Platelets are used on patients who have a low platelet count and packed red blood cells are given to replace erythrocytes.

QUESTION 4

Which of the following would you expect to see with second- and third-degree burns in the emergent phase?

- A. Decreased heart rate
- B. Increased blood pressure
- C. Elevated hematocrit levels
- D. Increased urinary output

Correct Answer: C

One would expect to find elevated hematocrit levels in a patient in the emergent phase of second- or third-degree burns. 48 to 72 hours after injury, the emergent phase ends with the restoration of capillary permeability. Hemoconcentration from large fluid shifts leads to increased hematocrit.

QUESTION 5

Which of the following would the nurse avoid documenting when an error has occurred with a patient?

- A. Names of witnesses
- B. Interventions performed
- C. Physician notified
- D. Incident report submitted

Correct Answer: D

The nurse would avoid documenting in the patient's record that an incident report has been submitted. The medical record belongs to the patient and should include all information related to the incident. The incident report belongs to the hospital and should not be referred to in the medical record. Incident reports are used to examine the issue and improve the quality of care for all patients.