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### QUESTION 1

What intervention would you need to take if your patient had a contusion of the eyeball following a traumatic injury?

- A. Notify the physician.
- B. Irrigate the eye with cool water.
- C. Apply ice to the affected eye.
- D. Accompany the patient to the emergency room.

Correct Answer: C

The priority intervention for this patient would be to apply ice to the affected eye. The patient should then be seen by a physician to rule out any other eye injury. Do not irrigate the eye with cool water until it is examined by a physician.

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### QUESTION 2

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

- A. pH 7.50, PCO<sub>2</sub> 52 mm Hg
- B. pH 7.35, PCO<sub>2</sub> 40 mm Hg
- C. pH 7.25, PCO<sub>2</sub> 50 mm Hg
- D. pH 5.50, PCO<sub>2</sub> 30 mm Hg

Correct Answer: C

The patient with a pH 7.25 and PCO<sub>2</sub> 50 mm Hg is in respiratory acidosis. A normal pH would be 7.35 to 7.45, and a normal PCO<sub>2</sub> is 35 to 45 mm Hg. When looking at the labs, if the patient is in respiratory acidosis the pH will be down, and PCO<sub>2</sub> will be elevated.

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### QUESTION 3

You are administering a Snellen chart test to a patient. What results would you expect to get if your patient was legally blind?

- A. 20/20 vision
- B. 20/40 vision
- C. 20/60 vision
- D. 20/200 vision

Correct Answer: D

The patient would be considered legally blind if the result of the Snellen chart test is 20/200 vision. This means that the

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patient is able to read at 20 feet what a person with normal vision can read at 200 feet. Legal blindness is defined as 20/200 or less with corrected vision or visual acuity of less than 20 degrees of the visual field in the better eye.

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**QUESTION 4**

What is the maximum suction time for a patient with a tracheostomy?

- A. 5 seconds
- B. 10 seconds
- C. 30 seconds
- D. 1 minute

Correct Answer: B

The nurse would want to limit suctioning to 10 seconds through a tracheostomy. Hypoxemia can be caused by prolonged suctioning and will stimulate the pacemaker cells in the heart. This could lead to a vasovagal response, which will cause bradycardia. The patient will need to be preoxygenated prior to suctioning.

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**QUESTION 5**

You are caring for a patient who is being prepared for surgery. The patient has a history of alcohol abuse. Which of the following would the patient be at risk for because of the alcohol abuse?

- A. Impaired liver metabolism
- B. Hypervitaminosis
- C. Central nervous system stimulation
- D. Hypermagnesemia

Correct Answer: A

A patient with a history of alcohol abuse would be at risk for impaired liver function. This is a concern for the patient going to surgery because of the medications the patient will be administered in surgery. These medications could have increased effectiveness if they are not metabolized properly in the liver, as the patient may not be able to filter them out.

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