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QUESTION 1

LN is 84 YOM who is in hospital for a back surgery. His height is 5 feet and 4 inches, weight 85 kg and NKDA.

His past medical history includes hypertension, diabetes mellitus, major depression, hypothyroidism and chronic back pain. Post-op day 1, LN's medication includes Dexamethasone 8mg iv q6h with taper dosing, Ondansetron 4mg iv q6h prn for N/V, Levothyroxine 0.075mg po daily, Lisinopril 10mg po daily, Citalopram 20mg po daily, Docusate sodium / Senna 1 tab po twice a day, Bisacodyl 10mg suppository daily prn for constipation, Famotidine 20mg iv q12hr, Metoclopramide 10mg iv q6h, Metformin 500mg po bid, D51/2NS with 20K at 125mls/hour and Hydromorphone PCA at 0.2mg/hour of basal rate, demand dose 0.1mg. lockout every 6min, one hour limit 2.2mg/hour. Pertinent morning labs includes serum creatinine 1.4mg/dl, Mg 1.5mg/dl, K 5.0mmol/L, Na 135mmol/L.

LN used 5 on-demand bolus doses from the hydromorphone PCA, how much hydromorphone did the patient get in 24 hours?

- A. 10mg
- B. 5.3mg
- C. 4.8mg
- D. 0.5mg
- E. 52.8mg

Correct Answer: B

0.2 mg/hour basal rate = 0.2mg/hour (24 hours) = 4.8 mg Demand dose of 0.1 mg \times 5 = 0.5 mg 4.8 mg +

0.5 mg = 5.3 mg

QUESTION 2

Which of the following is/are a risk factor for myopathy with statin therapy?

- A. Hypothyroidism
- B. Vitamin D deficiency
- C. Renal impairment
- D. Hepatic dysfunction
- E. Vitamin C deficiency

Correct Answer: D

Risk factors for myopathy are hypothyroidism, reduced renal or hepatic function, rheumatologic disorders such as polymyalgia rheumatica, steroid myopathy, vitamin D deficiency, or primary muscle diseases.

QUESTION 3



A patient presents in the pharmacy in a delirious state with pinpoint pupils. Which of the following toxicity states does the patient most likely have?

- A. Alcohol
- B. Opioid
- C. Benzodiazepine
- D. Amphetamine

Correct Answer: B

Signs of opioid overdose include pinpoint pupils, delirious state, nausea / vomiting, respiratory depression and sleepiness or loss of consciousness. Naloxone may be used to reverse the effects of opioid overdose.

QUESTION 4

What is the amount of potassium permanganate in 300mL of a 1 in 25 solution?

- A. 1 gram
- B. 8 grams
- C. 12 grams
- D. 14 grams

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 5

Results from a Meta-analysis where they looked at frequency of postoperative arterial fibrillation in patients on Ascorbic acid after cardiac surgery found odds ratio, 0.44 (95% CI, 0.32 to 0.61). How can you interpret this data?

- A. Ascorbic acid increased frequency of postoperative arterial fibrillation after cardiac surgery by 44%
- B. Ascorbic acid decreased frequency of postoperative arterial fibrillation after cardiac surgery by 44%
- C. There was no statistically significant difference in frequency of postoperative arterial fibrillation after cardiac surgery
- D. Ascorbic acid decreased frequency of postoperative arterial fibrillation after cardiac surgery by 56%
- E. None of the above are correct

Correct Answer: D

Odds ratio of 0.44 (44%) means that this group was associated with an event happening 44% of the time, compared to 1 (an event happening 100% of the time if unexposed), therefore $100 - 44 = 56\%$, which is the reduction caused by the exposure. Exposure is the use of ascorbic acid.



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