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QUESTION 1

What is the best anti-thyroid regimen in a pregnant woman who has clinically significant hyperthyroidism?

- A. Stop treatment and resume post-partum
- B. Propylthiouracil
- C. Methimazole
- D. Propylthiouracil first trimester followed by methimazole for the remainder of pregnancy
- E. Methimazole first trimester followed by propylthiouracil for the remainder of pregnancy

Correct Answer: D

Propylthiouracil (PTU) is recommended for treatment of hyperthyroidism in women who are in their first trimester of pregnancy by the American Thyroid Association (ATA). Methimazole has been associated with congenital malformations including aplasia cutis in rare cases and thus it is not recommended in the first trimester. The ATA recommends switching to methimazole once in the second trimester as there is a risk of liver injury associated with the use of PTU.

QUESTION 2

A physician orders Dopamine 5 mcg/kg/min. The concentration of the Dopamine IV bag is 400 mg in 250 D5W. The patient's weight is 168 lbs. Calculate the infusion rate in mL/hr.

- A. 10.2mL/hr
- B. 5.2mL/hr
- C. 14.29mL/hr
- D. 22.4mL/hr
- E. 0.17mL/hr

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 3

A 27-year-old female with ovarian cancer is undergoing chemotherapy. She develops subsequent renal failure.

Which of the following drugs is most likely responsible for this?

- A. Cyclophosphamide
- B. Bleomycin



- C. Cisplatin
- D. Vinblastine
- E. Vincristine

Correct Answer: C

Cisplatin. All chemotherapeutics have similar generalized side effects related to their effects on rapidly growing cells. These include hair loss, nausea, and fatigue. However, many chemotherapeutics have unique toxicities as well which are often tested. Cisplatin (C) is notable for its nephrotoxicity and ototoxicity. Cyclophosphamide (A) is known to cause hemorrhagic cystitis. This is a distinct process from nephrotoxicity. The most noteworthy side effect of bleomycin (B) is pulmonary toxicity that can lead to pulmonary fibrosis. Vinblastine (D) is known for bone marrow suppression. Vincristine (E) causes neuropathy.

QUESTION 4

In the management of acute ischemic stroke, within how many minutes from symptom onset should alteplase be administered?

- A. 3 hours
- B. 6 hours
- C. 12 hours
- D. 24 hours

Correct Answer: A

In the management of acute ischemic stroke, alteplase should be administered within 3 hours of symptom onset.

QUESTION 5

Which of the following illnesses is an example of a type III hypersensitivity reaction?

- A. Lupus
- B. Graves disease
- C. Hashimoto's thyroiditis
- D. Allergic rhinitis
- E. Myasthenia gravis

Correct Answer: A

A type III hypersensitivity reaction is mediated by immune complex deposition. In lupus, auto-antibodies are formed and these complexes are deposited in other tissues, especially in the kidneys, skin, and joints. Graves disease and myasthenia gravis are examples of type II but in some classification systems they are called type V reactions. The auto-antibodies created in Graves attack TSH receptors in the thyroid, whereas in Myasthenia the target is the acetylcholine receptor. Hashimoto's thyroiditis is usually considered an example of a combination of type II and IV reactions, as T



cells are directed at thyroid antigens and antibodies are also produced. Allergic rhinitis is a classic example of a type I, IgE mediated reaction.

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