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**QUESTION 1**

When managing an open fracture, you should do which of the following?

- A. Cover the exposed bone ends with a moist sterile dressing.
- B. Provide mild manual traction to restore distal circulation.
- C. Leave the wound exposed if there is no massive bleeding from the area.
- D. Apply a pressure dressing to prevent blood loss.

Correct Answer: A

When bone is exposed, care must be taken to prevent further injury and infection. A good rule of thumb for the use of moist, sterile dressings is as follow: If the protruding part is normally on the inside of the body, cover it with a moist sterile dressing. Do not attempt to reinsert or reduce the exposed bone back into the body.

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**QUESTION 2**

There are few antidotes for the number of poisons available, so what is the treatment goal for a poisoning if there is no antidote?

- A. Removal of poison
- B. Limiting the absorption
- C. Treatment of symptoms
- D. Eliminating the target organ

Correct Answer: B

If a particular poison does not have an antidote the next best treatment is to limit the amount of the poison to be absorbed. Activated charcoal is often use to absorb ingested poisons. Brushing off powdered poisons or flushing with high volumes of water will block slow or prevent absorption. once the absorption has been assured or contraindicated then you are left to treating symptoms.

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**QUESTION 3**

Slow (3-4 per minute), irregular inspirations followed by irregular pauses, sometimes describes as gasping, labored breathing, accompanied by strange vocalizations are known as?

- A. Agonal Breaths
- B. Stridor
- C. Obstructed Airway



D. Wheezing

Correct Answer: A

Agonal respirations are also commonly seen in cases of cardiac arrest, and may persist for several minutes after cessation of heartbeat.

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#### QUESTION 4

After releasing care of a possible child abuse victim over to the emergency department staff, you are having a discussion with another ambulance crew who was not present at the incident. As you are describing your suspicion that the child's mother is the perpetrator of child abuse, you are overheard by one of the child's family members. What legal violation have you possibly committed?

- A. Libel
- B. Malfeasance
- C. Negligence
- D. Slander

Correct Answer: D

Slander is the act of injuring a person's character, name, or reputation by making a false or malicious statement with malicious intent or reckless disregard for the falsity of the statement. If you had put the statement into writing, that would constitute possible Libel. Negligence is a deviation from accepted standards of care. Malfeasance is a form of negligence involving the performance of a wrongful or unlawful act.

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#### QUESTION 5

You have responded for a 17 year-old male who has had a sudden onset of shortness of breath. During your evaluation of the patient, he tells you that he has a history of Marfan's syndrome. The patient is dyspneic and has decreased lung sounds on the left side of his chest. What do you think is the most likely cause of this patient's shortness of breath?

- A. Pneumonia
- B. Pulmonary embolism
- C. Spontaneous pneumothorax
- D. Congenital lung disease

Correct Answer: C

A common complication seen in the patient with Marfan's syndrome is a spontaneous pneumothorax. Marfan's syndrome is a connective tissue disorder that results in weak organ and tissue structure. Along with spontaneous pneumothoraces, they are also more likely to develop aortic aneurysms.