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QUESTION 1

You have responded to a local residence of a 37-year-old male who had lacerated his leg while using a chainsaw in the back of his house. Prior to your arrival, the patient's wife, who is a nurse, applied pressure to the wound and has the patient in Trendelenburg position. Your assessment of the patient reveals him to be responsive to painful stimuli with a weak carotid pulse and the blood pressure unobtainable. There is a massive amount of blood surrounding the patient on the ground. The wife tells you that the wound is arterial and the injury occurred about 10 to 15 minutes ago. In addition to oxygen therapy, what are your treatment priorities for this patient?

- A. Continue applying direct pressure to the wound and call for ALS support.
- B. Apply an arterial tourniquet and call for ALS support.
- C. Apply an arterial tourniquet and call for ALS support.
- D. Continue applying direct pressure to the wound and transport.

Correct Answer: A

Direct pressure and fluids are this patient's best chance for survival and prevention of decompensated shock. ALS should be activated to administer fluids as soon as possible

QUESTION 2

You are assessing a 53-year-old female who neighbors discovered acting funny. The patient appears to be fatigued and confused and exhibiting slurred speech. She is breathing and has a pulse and skin that is cool and mottled. Vital signs are pulse 68 beats per minute, respirations 14 per minute, blood pressure 108/60 mmHg, and temperature 92.7 degrees Fahrenheit. There are no signs of trauma to the patient. Patient prescriptions of Verapamil, Digoxin, Synthroid, and nitroglycerin are found in the bedroom. Allergies are unknown. The temperature in her apartment is 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Based on the assessment findings, which of the following conditions is most likely a contributing factor to the patient's condition?

- A. Hypothyroidism
- B. Hypertension
- C. Atrial fibrillation
- D. Seizure

Correct Answer: A

The paramedic must recognize that the patient is hypothermic, based on the body temperature as well as the temperature in the apartment. Furthermore, the paramedic must recognize that the patient suffers from hypothyroidism, as evidenced by her use of Synthroid. Hypothyroidism describes a thyroid that is slow and can only generate minimal cellular metabolism. Since heat generation is a product of cellular metabolism, the patient's body temperature drops accordingly. Neither atrial fibrillation, hypertension, nor seizure would cause the patient to become hypothermic.

QUESTION 3

The normal heart rate for an infant under the age of 1 is:



A. 140 – 160

B. 120 – 140

C. 100 – 120

D. 80– 100

Correct Answer: B

The normal heart rate for a newborn is 140 – 160 and an infant's is 120 – 140 beats per minutes. Children between the ages of 1-6 have a heart rate of 100 – 120, while children over the age of 6 have a heart rate of 80 – 100 BPM.

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.

QUESTION 5

An intervention for someone who is apneic would be?

A. Oropharyngeal Airway

B. BVM Mask

C. Intubation

D. All of the above

Correct Answer: D

Someone who is apneic is not breathing therefore any or all of the above would be correct interventions to help this patient.



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