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QUESTION 1

Which of the following would you expect to see with second- and third-degree burns in the emergent phase?

- A. Decreased heart rate
- B. Increased blood pressure
- C. Elevated hematocrit levels
- D. Increased urinary output

Correct Answer: C

One would expect to find elevated hematocrit levels in a patient in the emergent phase of second- or third-degree burns. 48 to 72 hours after injury, the emergent phase ends with the restoration of capillary permeability. Hemoconcentration from large fluid shifts leads to increased hematocrit.

QUESTION 2

You are on break in the nursing lounge when a nursing assistant enters to tell you that what she just heard about the secretary. She then proceeds to tell you that the secretary's husband is a drug addict and she needs to be watched very carefully on the unit. You ask her what makes her think the secretary might take drugs, and she states that she heard it from someone else. What legal tort has the nursing assistant violated?

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

Correct Answer: A

Slander is when something untrue is said about a person that results in injury to that person's good name. Libel would be when something untrue is written about a person that results in injury to the person's good name. The nursing assistant was spreading gossip, not fact, about the secretary, leading to injury to her good name.

QUESTION 3

You are caring for an infant with a diagnosis of sepsis. Which is the priority assessment for this infant?

- A. Skin integrity
- B. Temperature
- C. Jaundice
- D. Respiratory function



Correct Answer: D

The priority assessment would be respiratory function. The infant's airway should always be the priority. The other choices are all symptoms of sepsis that the nurse would also want to assess.

QUESTION 4

Which finding would make you suspect that your patient might be in cardiogenic shock?

- A. Decreased or muffled heart sounds
- B. A cardiac index greater than 2.2 L/min
- C. Bounding pulses
- D. Increased cardiac output

Correct Answer: A

In cardiogenic shock the patient heart sounds will become decreased or muffled. This is caused by the myocardium's decreased ability to pump due to weakening by blood or fluid. This would cause a decreased cardiac index, decreased cardiac output and weak, thready pulses.

QUESTION 5

You are caring for a patient who is diaphoretic and disoriented and has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The patient complains of anxiety and disorientation and is unable to sit still. What do you suspect is causing the patient's symptoms?

- A. Withdrawal from alcohol or depressants
- B. Flu
- C. Withdrawal from antipsychotic drugs
- D. Abruptly discontinuing lithium

Correct Answer: A

The patient's symptoms are most likely caused by withdrawal from alcohol or depressants. The patient would not complain of disorientation with the flu. There are usually no withdrawal affects from antipsychotic drugs. These are not the symptoms associated with lithium withdrawal.

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