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QUESTION 1

You began administering blood to a patient 45 minutes ago. You enter the room to assess the patient and find the patient flushed and dyspneic. On auscultation the patient has crackles in the bases of both lungs. What complication of blood transfusion therapy is the patient most likely experiencing?

- A. Hypovolemia
- B. Transfusion reaction
- C. Fluid overload
- D. Bacteremia

Correct Answer: C

The patient is displaying all the symptoms of fluid overload. If the patient were experiencing a transfusion reaction, there would also be itching and a rash. Bacteremia would lead to the patient having a fever. Fluid overload is the best answer due to the crackles in the lungs indicating fluid has become a problem.

QUESTION 2

Your patient has been diagnosed with a hyphema following hitting their head on the steering wheel during a car accident. What position would you want to place this patient in?

- A. Supine
- B. Semi- fowlers
- C. Lateral
- D. Trendelenburg

Correct Answer: B

The patient should be placed in semi-fowlers position on bed rest. A hyphema is caused by a force, such as hitting your head on the steering wheel, strong enough to break the blood vessels in the eye. Placing the patient in semi-fowlers position lets gravity work to keep the hyphema away from the optical center of the cornea.

QUESTION 3

You as the nurse are working on the unit. You enter the medication room and find another nurse taking intravenous medication and administering it to him- or herself. What should your next action be?

- A. Call the police.
- B. Call security.
- C. Lock the nurse in the medication room.
- D. Call the nursing supervisor.



Correct Answer: D

You should call the nursing supervisor and report the nurse for taking medications from the unit. The nurse practice act requires that all impaired nurses be reported. The nursing supervisor should then report to the board of nursing who will develop a plan for treatment and supervision for the nurse.

QUESTION 4

You are preparing an in-service for the staff on delegation. What would you want to include on how delegation impacts safety and quality of patient care?

- A. It prevents staff from becoming ineffective and nonproductive.
- B. It utilizes appropriate resources, getting the job done in the most effective way.
- C. It gives nursing tasks to the staff members who can best understand the goals of treatment,
- D. It creates team work on the unit,

Correct Answer: B

Delegation is a way of getting the job done in the most effective way, while utilizing appropriate resources. The job must be delegated to the staff member who can accept the responsibility of the goal and achieve it. The other three options are incorrect.

QUESTION 5

You are planning the assignment for the day. Which of the following would be the most appropriate assignment for the nursing assistant?

- A. A patient receiving a continuous tube feeding
- B. A patient who needs a urine culture sent to laboratory
- C. A patient who needs a colostomy changed
- D. A patient who is having problems swallowing

Correct Answer: B

The most appropriate assignment for the nursing assistant would be a urine culture collection for the laboratory. The nurse must choose the most appropriate assignment for each staff member on the unit. In this case the nursing assistant should have the appropriate skills to collect urine and send it to the laboratory.