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QUESTION 1

You are caring for a patient with major depression. The patient has become unable to complete her activities of daily living (ADLs). What intervention should the nurse take to help this patient?

- A. Complete all ADLs for the patient until the patient is able to do so for herself.
- B. Adjust the patient\\'s schedule so that there is enough time for her to complete all her ADLs.
- C. Give the patient consequences for not completing ADLs.
- D. Have peers confront the patient on how noncompliance affects the unit.

Correct Answer: A

Until the patient is able to complete the ADLs, the nurse should complete them for the patient. The symptoms of major depression are depressed mood, loss of interest, changes in appetite and sleep patterns, agitation, fatigue, feelings of worthlessness and recurrent thoughts of death. The patient will not have the energy or interest in completing her ADLs.

QUESTION 2

Your patient has arrived in the emergency department with a penetrating eye injury. You are assessing the patient. What should your first action be?

- A. Remove any objects from the eye.
- B. Place a patch over the eye.
- C. Perform a visual acuity test.
- D. Use sterile saline to irrigate the eye.

Correct Answer: C

You would want to perform visual acuity tests on the affected eye first. This allows the nurse to assess any damage to the vision. Any foreign objects in the eye should only be removed by an ophthalmologist. Do not cover or rinse eye because it may dislodge foreign objects and cause further damage to the eye.

QUESTION 3

You are planning to draw an arterial blood gas from your patient, but you must perform an Allen\\'s test first. You know that the Allen\\'s test is used to test what?

- A. Popliteal circulation
- B. Ulnar circulation
- C. Femoral circulation
- D. Carotid circulation



Correct Answer: B

The Allen\\'s test is used to test the ulnar circulation prior to drawing blood from an artery. This determines whether there is adequate collateral circulation to the hand prior to drawing the blood. If damage is done to the radial artery with ulnar circulation, the hand could suffer from severe ischemic injury.

QUESTION 4

You are caring for a patient who has been bitten by dog. What medication do you suspect the physician will order for this patient?

- A. Tetanus vaccine
- B. Rabies vaccine
- C. Antibiotics
- D. Antivenom

Correct Answer: A

The physician will most likely order for the patient to have a tetanus vaccine. A rabies vaccine would only be given if the dog was suspected of having rabies. Antibiotics would be administered if the wound became infected, and antivenom is given for poisonous snakes and insects.

QUESTION 5

You are conducting a teaching session for mothers at a local school on rubeola (measles). Which of the following would you not want to include in this education?

- A. Profuse runny nose, coughing and fever occur before the rash develops.
- B. The child may develop small, blue-white spots with a red base in the mouth
- C. Ears usually develop a rash first, which then spreads toward the feet.
- D. The communicable period usually ranges from 10 to 15 days after the rash appears.

Correct Answer: D

The communicable period for Rubeola (measles) is 4 to 5 days after the rash appears. The incubation period is 10-15 days. The blue-white spots found in the mouth during Rubeola are called Koplik\\'s spots.

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