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QUESTION 1

Your patient is scheduled to go for cataract surgery. What nursing diagnosis should you include in the patients plan of care?

- A. Self care deficit
- B. Imbalanced nutrition
- C. Disturbed sensory perception
- D. Anxiety

Correct Answer: C

Disturbed sensory perception should be included in this patient's plan of care. The patient's vision would be disturbed related to lens extraction and replacement. The other nursing diagnoses may be appropriate for this patient, but are not relevant to cataract surgery.

QUESTION 2

You are monitoring a child who had a tonsillectomy. On assessment, which findings would indicate to you that the child might be bleeding?

- A. Decreased pulse
- B. Elevation in blood pressure
- C. Complaints of discomfort
- D. Frequent swallowing

Correct Answer: D

Frequent swallowing by the child might indicate that there is bleeding. Other signs or symptoms might include restlessness, vomiting blood, and a fast, thready pulse. Elevation of blood pressure and discomfort do not indicate bleeding.

QUESTION 3

What sign would indicate that a patient with a blunt injury to the chest has developed a pneumothorax?

- A. A sucking sound at the site of injury
- B. Diminished breath sounds
- C. A low respiratory rate
- D. Presence of a barrel chest

Correct Answer: B



Diminished breath sounds would indicate a pneumothorax. Other symptoms might be shortness of breath and chest pain. If it is a large pneumothorax, the nurse may see tachypnea, cyanosis and subcutaneous emphysema.

QUESTION 4

You are caring for a patient with a gunshot wound. As a result of the patient's Coumadin therapy, the prothrombin time is twice the normal amount. Which blood product do you expect the physician to order?

- A. Fresh frozen plasma
- B. Random donor platelets
- C. Red blood cells
- D. Crystalloids

Correct Answer: A

The patient with a prothrombin time greater than 1.5 times normal who is bleeding should receive fresh frozen plasma. A patient with thrombocytopenia would receive platelets. Anemic patients receive red blood cells, and crystalloids help establish and maintain fluid and electrolyte balance.

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.