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QUESTION 1

You are caring for a heart failure patient who suddenly developed symptoms that include shortness of breath, increased respiratory rate, bilateral crackles and frothy sputum. You have notified the physician and received orders for the patient. Which activity would be appropriate to delegate to a licensed practical nurse?

- A. Start an IV.
- B. Check vital signs every 15 minutes.
- C. Morphine sulfate 2mg IV push
- D. Insert a foley catheter.

Correct Answer: D

The RN should delegate the task to the LPN that does not require assessment. Inserting the foley catheter is the least likely to require immediate assessment. The RN should insert the IV and immediately give IV medications. Vital signs that are taken on a deteriorating patient should be taken by the RN so that immediate assessment can be made.

QUESTION 2

Your patient has been stung by a bee. What signs and symptoms would you see if the patient had an allergic reaction to the sting?

- A. Normal respiratory rate
- B. Prolonged expiratory phase
- C. Wheezing on inspiration
- D. Decreased respiratory rate

Correct Answer: B

The nurse would want to monitor the patient for a prolonged expiratory phase. The allergic reaction would lead to air trapping and alveoli distention that occurs as a result of an anaphylactic response. Respiratory rate will be within normal limits, and wheezing occurs on expiration due to constricted bronchi.

QUESTION 3

You receive an order for 1000 mL of normal saline over 12 hours. The drop factor is 15 drops per 1 mL. You prepare to set the flow rate at how many drops per minute?

- A. 15 drops a minute
- B. 17 drops a minute
- C. 21 drops a minute
- D. 23 drops a minute



Correct Answer: C

The drop rate is 21 drops a minute.

QUESTION 4

You are caring for a patient who has been admitted to the hospital involuntarily. You know based on this admission that the patient:

- A. Is a harm to himself or others
- B. Is requesting admission
- C. Has agreed to admission
- D. Has provided a written request for admission

Correct Answer: A

The patient has been involuntarily admitted to the hospital because he presents a threat to himself or others. In this situation the patient has not consented to admission. The patient will probably be upset about the admission and will request to leave repeatedly.

QUESTION 5

You are working in the Emergency department when you receive a call from a mother who says her threeyear-old has ingested furniture polish. What should you tell the mother to do first?

- A. Induce vomiting.
- B. Bring the child to the emergency department.
- C. Call an ambulance.
- D. Call the poison control center.

Correct Answer: D

The mother needs to call the poison control center first. The poison control center will advise the mother what to do from there. Do not induce vomiting unless poison control says to do so. Poison control may advise that the mother bring the child to the emergency department; if so then the mother should call the ambulance.

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