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QUESTION 1

What adverse effect would you observe in a patient who is taking an excessive amount of bupropion (Wellbutrin)?

- A. Dizziness when getting up
- B. Seizure activity
- C. Increased weight
- D. Constipation

Correct Answer: B

The patient would begin to have seizures if they are taking an excess amount of bupropion (Wellbutrin). A dosage of more than 450 mg daily is considered to be excessive. Weight gain and constipation are common side effects of this medication. Orthostatic hypotension is not a side effect of this medication.

QUESTION 2

You are caring for a patient with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). This patient would be most likely to develop which acid-base imbalance?

- A. Respiratory acidosis
- B. Respiratory alkalosis
- C. Metabolic acidosis
- D. Metabolic alkalosis

Correct Answer: A

A patient with COPD would be more likely to develop respiratory acidosis. Hypoventilation by the patient leads to respiratory acidosis. End-stage disease leads to airway collapse, air trapping and disturbance of ventilation- perfusion relationships.

QUESTION 3

You are caring for a patient in the withdrawal process. What medication do you expect the physician to order to make the withdrawal process easier?

- A. Tetrahydrocannabinol
- B. Naltrexone hydrochloride
- C. Benzodiazepine
- D. Amphetamines

Correct Answer: C



The physician would order benzodiazepines for the patient going through the withdrawal process. The patient going through withdrawal can be anxious and agitated. Withdrawal can also lead to elevated blood pressure, heart rate and even death in some cases if not treated. Giving benzodiazepines to the patient decreases the risk of this happening.

QUESTION 4

You are caring for a patient with Lyme disease. Which of the following would be the method that the patient contracted Lyme disease?

- A. Skin contact with an infected person.
- B. Inhalation of spores in bird droppings.
- C. Contamination from cat feces.
- D. Tick carried by deer.

Correct Answer: D

Lyme disease is caused by ticks carried by deer. When bitten by the tick, the patient becomes infected with *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Histoplasmosis is contracted from inhalation of spores from bird droppings. Toxoplasmosis is contracted from contaminated cat feces.

QUESTION 5

You are working in the Emergency department when you receive a call from a mother who says her three-year-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.