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#### **QUESTION 1**

You are caring for child with bronchiolitis. Which of the following would be the most appropriate method of assessing this patient for dehydration?

- A. Intake and output
- B. Fontanels
- C. Mucous membranes
- D. Weight

Correct Answer: D

Weight is a good indication of this patient\\'s fluid loss or gain. One kilogram of weight represents one liter of fluid loss or gain, which makes this a very reliable source for dehydration.

#### **QUESTION 2**

You are caring for a patient who needs to go to surgery. The patient is unable to sign consent due to narcotic analgesic administration. Who should sign the consent for surgery?

- A. The family members should provide consent, and two witnesses will be necessary.
- B. A court order will be needed.
- C. The patient should go to surgery without consent.
- D. The hospital chaplain should sign consent.

Correct Answer: A

The nurse should call the family and get consent for the procedure. The nurse will need to have two witnesses available to sign. In emergency cases the physician is allowed to take a patient to surgery without consent if every effort has been made to contact the family.

#### **QUESTION 3**

You are caring for a patient who is being admitted to the psychiatric unit. Which of the following would present the most concern to the nurse?

- A. Presence of bruises on the patients body
- B. Reports by the patient that they can\\'t eat or sleep
- C. Reports by the patient of suicidal thoughts
- D. Significant other\\'s disapproval of treatment

Correct Answer: C



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The nurse would be most concerned if the patient reports suicidal thoughts. When the patient reports suicidal thoughts, the physician should be notified. The nurse should plan to have the patient under complete supervision until further notice, for the protection of the patient.

#### **QUESTION 4**

You are caring for a patient who has been assaulted. The patient is agitated, trembling, and

hyperventilating.

What would be the priority nursing intervention?

- A. Encourage the patient to discuss the assault.
- B. Place the patient in a quiet room alone.
- C. Remain with the patient.
- D. Teach relaxation techniques.

Correct Answer: C

Remain with the patient when they are in a severe state of anxiety. Encouraging the patient to discuss the assault will only increase the anxiety. The patient would not be able to learn relaxation techniques while in a state of severe anxiety.

#### **QUESTION 5**

Which of the following patients would the nurse want to delegate to unlicensed assistive personnel?

- A. A patient whose husband died and needs to talk
- B. A patient with a nasogastric feedings and foley catheter
- C. A patient with leakage from an ostomy
- D. An ambulatory patient who has been on the unit for 3 days

Correct Answer: D

The unlicensed assistive personnel should be assigned to the ambulatory patient who has been on the unit 3 days. The patient in D is the least complicated patient and does not have procedures that require licensed staff to complete. The other three patients require a high level of care and need a licensed staff member to provide this care.

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