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QUESTION 1

Which of the following would not encourage effective communication between a dying patient and his family?

- A. Discussing feelings openly
- B. Making decisions for the family and patient
- C. Assisting family and patient in performing spiritual practices
- D. Acceptance when family and patient express anger

Correct Answer: B

Making decisions for the family and patient would not encourage them to have effective communication. It is important to encourage the patient and the family to express their feeling and anger if they need to. Spiritual practices are also a very important part of a patient and family's dying process.

QUESTION 2

Your patient is in cardiogenic shock and has had an intraaortic balloon pump placed through the left femoral artery. On assessment you note that the left foot is cool and mottled and the pedal pulse weak. What is the priority for this patient?

- A. Document the data because it is expected.
- B. Reevaluate in an hour.
- C. Increase the rate on the nitroglycerin drip.
- D. Notify the physician.

Correct Answer: D

The nurse would want to notify the physician of the change. This is a sign of decreased circulation to the extremity. The physician will need to intervene to prevent the patient from having further adverse affects.

QUESTION 3

What is the normal intraocular pressure of the eye?

- A. 2 to 7 mm Hg
- B. 10 to 21 mm Hg
- C. 22 to 30 mm Hg
- D. 31 to 35 mm Hg

Correct Answer: B

The normal intraocular pressure of the eye is 10 to 21 mm Hg. The test used to measure intraocular pressure is called a

tonometry. This is how glaucoma is diagnosed. A patient with glaucoma would have an intraocular pressure of 30 to 70 mm Hg.

QUESTION 4

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 5

You are caring for a postpartum mother who is in hypovolemic shock from hemorrhage. What would you expect to be the priority for this patient?

- A. Oxygen at 3 to 4 liters
- B. Oxytocic drug via IV
- C. Heart rate every 5 minutes
- D. Increase IV fluid rate

Correct Answer: D

A patient in hypovolemic shock would benefit most from increasing IV fluids. Increasing the IV fluids helps to replace the fluids lost by the patient during the hemorrhage. Blood products may also be necessary but may take a while to obtain. Oxygen and oxytocic drugs will also be required but are not the priority for this patient.