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QUESTION 1

Paradoxical motion of the chest during exhalation is often caused by what type of injury?

- A. Larynx
- B. Criciod Cartilage
- C. Epiglottis
- D. Diaphragm

Correct Answer: C

A Flail Chest occurs when multiple adjacent ribs are broken in multiple places, separating a segment, so a part of the chest wall moves independently. This independent movement is known as Paradoxical motion.

QUESTION 2

The left atrium:

- A. Receives blood from the veins of the body.
- B. Receives blood from the pulmonary veins.
- C. Pumps blood to the lungs.
- D. Pumps blood to the body.

Correct Answer: B

Pulmonary veins return oxygen-rich blood from the lungs to the left atrium, where it is sent to the left ventricle and pumped to the rest of the body.

QUESTION 3

A fall greater than _____ would be considered a significant mechanism of injury in a patient under the age of 8.

- A. The height of the patient
- B. 5 feet
- C. Double the patient's height
- D. 10 feet

Correct Answer: D

The best answer is 10 feet. Though depending on the height of the patient, double their height may be greater than 10 feet, the correct answer is anything over 10 feet.

QUESTION 4

You arrive to find the patient actively seizing. What is your primary concern with this patient?

- A. What type of seizure is the patient having:
- B. Past medical history
- C. Last seizure
- D. Airway

Correct Answer: D

When a patient is actively seizing all muscles are contracting erratically with out coordination so there are ineffective respirations. Plus with every muscle contracting there is an increase in oxygen demand so the patient will be in oxygen debt.

Also there may be a partial or complete airway obstruction.

QUESTION 5

Arriving on scene of a multi car accident the in charge EMT tells dispatch that they have arrived and what they have found. "Squad 3 on scene there is a three car accident all patients are out and walking on the scene." What is the this information called?

- A. Scene arrival notification
- B. Dispatch information
- C. Scene size up
- D. Report to receiving facility

Correct Answer: C

A scene size up allows for several things 1) lets other responding companies to know what to expect once they arrive on scene. 2) Allows for an upgrading or downgrading of the assignment. 3) lets dispatch know what to expect in adding extra resources.

QUESTION 6

The first step in artificial ventilation with a bagvalve-mask unit in patients with no suspected trauma is to:

- A. Position the mask correctly on the face using both hands.
- B. Place the patient's head in a hyperextended, sniffing position.
- C. Insert an airway adjunct and select the correct mask size.

D. Have an assistant squeeze the bag until the patient's chest rises.

Correct Answer: B

The correct order of steps would be b, c, a, d.

QUESTION 7

Where does blood travel when it leaves the right ventricle of the heart?

- A. To the pulmonary veins, then to the lungs
- B. To the aorta, then out to the body
- C. To the vena cava then to the left atrium
- D. To the pulmonary arteries then to the lungs

Correct Answer: A

Oxygen-poor blood arrives in the right atrium and is pumped out through the right ventricle via the pulmonary arteries, to the lungs

QUESTION 8

Cyanosis can be checked by observing the patients _____?

- A. Tongue
- B. Earlobes
- C. Nail beds
- D. All of the above

Correct Answer: C

Early signs of cyanosis often presents more clearly in the Nail beds and Lips

QUESTION 9

During completion of your patient care report, you write the following statement, The patient was obviously intoxicated and intentionally uncooperative. Subjective statements such as this can open the paramedic up to which of the following legal charges?

- A. Res ipsa loquitur
- B. Libel
- C. Malfeasance

D. Slander

Correct Answer: B

Libel is the act of injuring a patient's character through written statements. Documenting personal opinion and derogatory statements expose the paramedic to Libel. Slander is similar to Libel, but refers to false or malicious statements made verbally. Malfeasance is defined as breach of duty by performing a wrongful or unlawful act. Res ipsa loquitur is a legal doctrine sometimes used in support of negligence claims.

QUESTION 10

You are transporting a trauma patient, and notice their condition starts to deteriorate. What do you do?

- A. Stop the ambulance and begin CPR
- B. Tell your partner to drive faster; you need to get this patient to the hospital now
- C. Reassess your patient
- D. Call medical control

Correct Answer: C

Any time you have a patient whose condition worsens, you should always reassess them.

QUESTION 11

You are treating a 12-year-old male patient who was hit in the nose with a baseball. His nose is deviated to the left with moderate epistaxis. He is complaining of severe pain to his nose. He is alert and oriented with no loss of consciousness.

Which of the following treatment sequence would best manage this patient?

- A. Pack nares with gauze to control bleeding.
- B. Have patient lie supine while holding pressure to nares.
- C. Align nose in the neutral position while holding pressure to nares.
- D. Have patient sit upright and lean forward while holding pressure to nares.

Correct Answer: D

Holding pressure on the nares is the proper technique to control epistaxis while leaning the patient forward to prevent blood from draining down the throat. Leaning the patient forward should not be performed if spinal precautions are necessary.

QUESTION 12

Headlights are often over looked as part of the emergency warning lighting system, the headlights should be used while _____?

- A. On the road
- B. Responding to a call
- C. Returning from a call
- D. Transporting to the hospital

Correct Answer: B

Emergency warning lights are often over looked in busy high traffic areas, headlights can make difference when safety counts. Even during daylight hours they increase the chances that the ambulance will be seen. Some headlights are wired to flash when the other emergency warning lights are on which enhances the distance down range the ambulance can be seen.

QUESTION 13

To willfully leave a patient who is in need of care without a signed or verbal refusal of care is what?

- A. Allowed if the patient is rude or abusive
- B. Abandonment
- C. Implied Refusal
- D. Against Medical Advice

Correct Answer: B

Any time the patient/EMT relationship is terminated and without a refusal or transfer of care and continuing care is needed is considered Abandonment.

QUESTION 14

A transient ischemic attack (TIA) often referred to as a mini stroke symptoms resolve with in 24 hours with out any _____ effects, these symptoms are considered to be a TIA?

- A. With some minor deficits
- B. With some major long lasting effects
- C. With out any memory effects
- D. With out any permanent effects

Correct Answer: D

Most TIA's will resolve with in 15 minutes, however for it to be diagnosed as a TIA all signs and effects must be

resolved within 24 hours after onset. TIAs are often the precursor to a major stroke.

QUESTION 15

"You are dispatched to a 53-year old female patient who has extreme chest pain. Upon gaining medical direction to administer nitroglycerin, you administer one tablet. What action should you now perform? "

- A. Have the patient stand up
- B. Take blood pressure
- C. Have the patient lay supine
- D. Administer another dose of nitroglycerin

Correct Answer: B

Because nitro is a vasodilator you should always check the patient's blood pressure after giving nitro and before giving another dose.

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