

## Drug Guide Test Bank

**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

1. The nurse is providing care for a patient scheduled to take Precose (acarbose) 25 mg three times daily with meals. The patient reports feeling sweaty, weak, and tremulous. Which of the following actions by the nurse is best?

- A. Reassure the patient that these are common side effects with the medication.
- B. Call the pharmacy to report an adverse drug reaction.
- C. Check the patient's blood glucose level.
- D. Determine if the patient has a history of anemia.

ANS: C

See Nursing Implications for acarbose: Observe the patient for signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia. Acarbose alone does not cause hypoglycemia; however, other concurrently administered hypoglycemic agents may produce hypoglycemia, requiring treatment. Ignoring these symptoms would be dangerous, but it is not considered an adverse drug reaction requiring an official report. The patient is experiencing symptoms of hypoglycemia not anemia.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidiabetics

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2. While responding to a rapid response called on the cardiac step-down unit, the nurse from intensive care observes the unit nurse massaging a patient's neck and instructing the patient to bear down. Which of the following medications will most likely be used if the patient's pulse does not return to normal?

- A. Adenocard (adenosine)
- B. Adrenaline (epinephrine)
- C. Tenormin (atenolol)
- D. Saphris (asenapine)

ANS: A

See adenosine Indications: Adenosine is used for the conversion of paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia (PVST) to normal sinus rhythm when vagal maneuvers are unsuccessful. Epinephrine is a bronchodilator used in the management of reversible airway disease. Atenolol is a beta blocker used in the management of hypertension. Asenapine is an antipsychotic mood stabilizer used in the acute treatment of schizophrenia or manic/mixed episodes associated with bipolar I disorder.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiarrhythmics

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3. The nurse is instructing the parent of a 6-year-old patient recently started on a ProAir HFA (albuterol) inhaler for exercise-induced asthma. The nurse recognizes that further teaching is necessary by which of the following client statements?

- A. "He may feel like his heart is racing after he takes his inhaler."
- B. "He can use the inhaler as many times during football practice as he needs it."
- C. "He should avoid cola and other caffeinated drinks since they may increase his heart rate."
- D. "He should take two puffs about 15 minutes before gym class."

ANS: B

See Contraindications/Precautions, Interactions, and Dosage for albuterol. Excess inhaler use may lead to tolerance and paradoxical bronchospasm. Use with caffeine-containing herbs (cola nut, guarana, tea, coffee) increases stimulant effect. Two inhalations every 4–6 hr or two inhalations 15 min prior to exercise). Tachycardia is an expected side effect with this medication.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Bronchodilators

REF: Page 118

4. While providing care for an adolescent patient newly prescribed Elavil (amitriptyline), the nurse should be most concerned by which of the following patient statements?

- A. "My mouth seems really dry and I'm thirsty all the time."
- B. "I take a nap most afternoons now because I feel sleepy sometimes."
- C. "I'm not sure why we should even bother anymore; everything seems so pointless."
- D. "I drink a cup of coffee most days with breakfast."

ANS: C

See Contraindications/Precautions for amitriptyline: the use of this medication may increase the risk of suicide attempt/ideation especially during dose early treatment or dose adjustment; risk may be greater in children or adolescents. Sedation is an expected side effect. Dry mouth is an expected side effect. There is no directive to avoid caffeine with this medication.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidepressants

REF: Page 145

5. The nurse is caring for a patient with otitis media who reports an allergy to penicillin. Orders are received for ampicillin 500 mg every 8 hr. Which of the following actions by the nurse is best?

- A. Provide the medication as ordered.
- B. Call the pharmacist to request a substitution.
- C. Ask the patient if he or she has taken ampicillin in the past.
- D. Hold the medication.

ANS: D

See contraindications/precautions for ampicillin: Contraindicated in hypersensitivity to penicillin. This medication should be held due to the stated allergy to penicillin.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Page 158

6. While caring for a patient in hospice who is actively dying, the nurse notes moderate respiratory distress, copious oral secretion, and a frequent moist cough. Which of the following prn medications would most promote comfort for the patient?

- A. Morphine (morphine sulfate) 2 mg IV bolus
- B. Atro-Pen (atropine) 0.4 mg IV bolus
- C. Ativan (lorazepam) 0.5 mg IV bolus
- D. Benadryl (diphenhydramine) 25 mg IV bolus

ANS: B

See Action for atropine: Low doses decrease sweating, salivation, and respiratory secretions. Morphine is used for pain control. Lorazepam is used for anxiety. Benadryl is used for itching.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiarrhythmics | Therapeutic Classification: Anticholinergics

REF: Page 203

7. The nurse is counseling a patient started on Zithromax (azithromycin) for the treatment of an upper respiratory infection. The nurse recognizes that teaching has been effective by which of the following patient statements?

- A. "The med pack will have five pills, one for each of the next 5 days."
- B. "If I don't feel better next week, I can get a refill from the pharmacist."
- C. "I only need to take one pill, but my symptoms may not clear for 3 days."
- D. "I can take this medication safely even though I'm allergic to erythromycin."

ANS: A

See Route/Dosage for azithromycin: 500 mg on 1st day, then 250 mg/day for 4 more days. Instruct the patient to notify health-care professional if symptoms do not improve. Teach the patient to take medication as directed and to finish the drug completely. Azithromycin is contraindicated in patients with an allergy to erythromycin.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Page 208

8. The home-care nurse is preparing to see a patient being treated for diabetic foot ulcerations with Regranex (becaplermin). Which of the following instructions will the nurse include in the patient teaching?

- A. "Apply the wound gel three times daily to promote healing."

- B. "Store the gel in the refrigerator."
- C. "Complete healing is expected within 3 days."
- D. "After applying the wound gel, cover with a transparent adhesive dressing."

ANS: B

See Implementation for becaplermin: Calculated amount is applied as a thin layer and covered with a moist saline dressing for 12 hr; dressing is removed, ulcer rinsed, and redressed with moist dressing without becaplermin for rest of day. Process is repeated daily. Store gel in refrigerator; do not freeze. If ulcer does not decrease in size by 30% within 10 wk, continuation of therapy should be reassessed. Cover with a moist saline dressing for 12 hr. Then, remove dressing, rinse ulcer, and redress with moist dressing without becaplermin for rest of day.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Wound/Ulcer/Decubiti healing agents

REF: Page 217

9. The nurse is tracking patient symptoms related to acute alcohol intoxication and withdrawal. Which of the following medications would the nurse expect to provide in the management of these symptoms?

- A. Plavix (clopidogrel)
- B. Zyban (bupropion)
- C. Prilosec (omeprazole)
- D. Tranxene (clorazepate)

ANS: D

See Indications for clorazepate: Clorazepate is used in the management of simple partial seizures, anxiety disorder, symptoms of anxiety, and acute alcohol withdrawal. Clopidogrel is an antiplatelet agent. Bupropion is an antidepressant. Omeprazole is an antiulcer agent.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anticonvulsants

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10. The nurse prepares to provide Colcrys (colchicine) to a patient. The nurse should assess which of the following prior to administration of the medication?

- A. Blood pressure
- B. Complete blood count
- C. Triglyceride level
- D. Oxygen saturation

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications/assessment for colchicine: In patients receiving prolonged therapy, monitor baseline and periodic CBC; may cause decreased platelet count, leukopenia, aplastic anemia, and agranulocytosis. No alteration in the blood pressure, triglyceride, or oxygenation is expected.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anticongestants

REF: Page 343

11. The nurse is transcribing new orders for a patient with multiple sclerosis. Amrix (cyclobenzaprine) 10 mg orally three times daily has been ordered. Which of the following would require an immediate intervention by the nurse?

- A. The patient has a noted allergy to acetaminophen.
- B. The patient has a family history of breast cancer.
- C. The patient is currently taking Nardil (phenelzine).
- D. The patient is diabetic.

ANS: C

See Contraindications/Precautions for cyclobenzaprine: Should not be used within 14 days of MAO inhibitor therapy. Phenelzine is an MAO inhibitor. The other factors will not impact the safe provision of cyclobenzaprine.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Skeletal muscle relaxants

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12. The nurse is preparing to provide medications for a patient newly admitted with a cerebral vascular accident who reportedly had difficulty swallowing pills during the previous shift. The nurse plans to crush the patient's medications and provide them in applesauce. Which of the following medications will require an alternative form of administration?

- A. Aspirin 81 mg daily
- B. Enablex (darifenacin-XR) 15 mg daily
- C. Claritin (loratadine) 10 mg daily
- D. CalCarb (calcium carbonate) 500 mg daily

ANS: B

See Implementation/Nursing Implications for Enablex: Extended-release tablets must be swallowed whole; do not break or crush. Doing so can result in the immediate release of the full dose. Enablex (darifenacin-XR) is a urinary tract antispasmodic.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Urinary tract antispasmodics

REF: Page 401

13. The nurse receives a call from a patient who recently began taking Zyrtec (cetirizine) 5 mg daily. The patient reports that her mouth frequently feels dry. Which of the following responses by the nurse is best?

- A. "Dry mouth is a common side effect of Zyrtec. Rinse your mouth frequently, and try using sugarless chewing gum or candy for relief."

- B. "You may be taking too strong of a dose. You should take half a pill each day to reduce the risk of side effects."
- C. "You might be having an allergic reaction to the medication. Are you able to come to the doctor's office today?"
- D. "It is important that you take the medication with a full meal and drink at least 12 glasses of water each day."

ANS: A

See Patient/Family Teaching for cetirizine: Advise patient that good oral hygiene, frequent rinsing of the mouth with water, and sugarless gum or candy may minimize dry mouth. It is outside the nursing scope of practice to alter dosage of a medication. Dry mouth is not a symptom of an allergic reaction and the patient does not need to be seen by a physician—if dry mouth persists beyond 2 wk, the patient should notify a dentist. The medication can be taken without regard to food.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Allergy, cold and cough remedies; Antihistamines

REF: Page 317

14. The nurse is caring for a patient who takes Dexedrine (dextroamphetamine). The nurse should be most concerned by which of the following patient statements?

- A. "I seem to be able to focus better and I'm less distracted now."
- B. "I've been having some trouble falling asleep at night lately."
- C. "I started taking St. John's wort this week to help with my depression."
- D. "I forgot to take my medication in the morning last week so I took it at lunch time."

ANS: C

See Interactions for dextroamphetamine: St. John's wort may increase serious side effects; concurrent use is not recommended. Dextroamphetamine is used in the treatment of ADHD, so improved focus is a desired effect. Insomnia is commonly seen and the patient should be instructed to take the medication at least 6 hr prior to bedtime. The medication is generally given 1–2 times each day, and missed doses should be taken as soon as remembered up to 6 hr prior to bedtime.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Central nervous system stimulants

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15. The nurse receives orders to begin Cardura (doxazosin) 1 mg daily with the first dose to start today. Which of the following assessments is the highest priority within the first 2 to 4 hr after provision?

- A. Urinary output
- B. Respiratory rate
- C. Pain relief
- D. Orthostatic hypotension

ANS: D

See Nursing Implications for doxazosin: Assess for first-dose orthostatic hypotension and syncope. The medication can be used in the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia, but orthostatic hypotension is a bigger concern and should be the first concern. No effect on the respiratory rate or pain is anticipated.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antihypertensives

REF: Page 461

16. The nurse is providing care for a patient who returned from surgery 4 hr earlier. The patient reports adequate pain control with the use of patient-controlled analgesia but states she is having significant nausea. Which of the following medications should the nurse provide?

- A. Inapsine (droperidol) 2.5 mg IV
- B. Benadryl (diphenhydramine) 25 mg IV
- C. Morphine (morphine sulfate) 2 mg IV
- D. Colace 100 mg po

ANS: A

See Indications for droperidol: Used to produce tranquilization and as an adjunct to general and regional anesthesia; useful in decreasing postoperative or postprocedure nausea and vomiting. Benadryl is an antihistamine used to treat itching. Morphine sulfate is a narcotic used to treat pain. Colace is a stool softener.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Sedative/hypnotics

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17. The nurse is counseling a patient with diabetes, hypertension, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease on his medications. To verify patient understanding of his medications, the nurse states, "You are taking Cymbalta (duloxetine) 60 mg once a day; do you know why you take that medication?" The nurse determines the patient has a good understanding of his medications if which of the following responses is given?

- A. "I take that one to keep my blood sugar under control."
- B. "I don't know honey, is that my little blue pill?"
- C. "That helps with the pain in my feet."
- D. "I think that is to lower my blood pressure."

ANS: C

See Indications for duloxetine: Duloxetine is used for major depressive disorder, diabetic peripheral neuropathic pain, generalized anxiety disorder and fibromyalgia. Patient education and verification of his or her understanding regarding medication use and purpose is an important component of health care.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidepressants

REF: Page 474

18. While providing care for patients on a neuroscience unit, which of the following medications should the nurse provide first?

- A. Dantrium (dantrolene) 1 mg/kg IV to a patient with malignant hyperthermia
- B. Norpramin (desipramine) 100 mg orally to a patient admitted with syncope
- C. Enablex (darifenacin) 15 mg orally to a patient admitted for cerebrovascular accident
- D. Cymbalta (duloxetine) 20 mg to a patient with diabetes

ANS: A

See Indications for dantrolene: Emergency treatment of malignant hyperthermia, which can cause seizures. This is an emergency situation and must be the nurse's highest priority. Desipramine is an antidepressant. It is not a priority. Darifenacin is used to treat overactive bladder spasms. It is not a priority. Duloxetine is an antidepressant. It is not a priority.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Skeletal muscle relaxants

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19. The nurse is caring for a patient with a history of Parkinson disease who recently started taking Comtan (entacapone). The nurse notes the patient's urine has a brownish-orange discoloration. Which of the following actions should the nurse take next?

- A. Notify the physician.
- B. Determine the patient's current weight.
- C. Ask the patient what he or she ate for breakfast.
- D. Note the assessment finding in the chart.

ANS: D

See Adverse Reactions/Side Effects GU for entacapone: This is a normal finding for patients taking entacapone. There is no need to take a specific action, and the assessments listed will not help determine the presence of other side effects or concerns.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiparkinson agents

REF: Page 498

20. A young woman reports to the emergency department with frank vaginal bleeding and a stated history of being 10 wk pregnant. Ultrasound confirms an incomplete miscarriage, and the woman is scheduled for a dilatation and curettage. Which of the following medications should the nurse anticipate being provided after the surgical procedure?

- A. Rheumatrex (methotrexate)
- B. Methergine (methylergonovine)
- C. Magnesium sulfate
- D. Terbutaline

ANS: B



See indications for methylergonovine: Prevention and treatment of postpartum or postabortion hemorrhage caused by uterine atony or involution. Methotrexate is a neoplastic agent that has been used to induce chemical abortion. Magnesium sulfate is given in the treatment of preeclampsia. Terbutaline is used off label to reduce uterine contraction in the prevention of preterm labor.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Oxytocics

REF: Pages 837

21. The nurse is assisting in the discharge of a patient with a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) who will receive antibiotic therapy with Invanz (ertapenem) at home under the direction of a home health-care agency. The nurse recognizes that teaching has been effective by which of the following client statements?

- A. "The nurses will come out every 6 hours to provide the IV antibiotic."
- B. "If the dressing over the PICC line pulls back, the nurse will change it the next day."
- C. "I will have to get the antibiotic once a day, usually for 2 weeks."
- D. "Since I'm not allergic to penicillin, I won't be allergic to this medication."

ANS: C

See Route/Dosage and Nursing Implications for ertapenem: Ertapenem dosage is 1 g daily for up to 14 days (IV). The dressing on a PICC line must remain occlusive to prevent infection—if the dressing should pull back, the home care nurse should be notified immediately. Ertapenem is given once daily. Persons with a negative history of penicillin sensitivity may still have an allergic response.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Page 516

22. A nursing faculty is observing a student nurse prepare and provide morning medications including delayed-released Nexium (esomeprazole) capsules to a patient with a nasogastric (NG) tube. The nurse should intervene if which of the following is noted?

- A. The student asks the patient to state his name and birth date prior to preparing the medication.
- B. The student opens the capsule and mixes the granules with 50 mL of water.
- C. The student uses a 60 mL cath-tipped syringe to instill the medication into the NG tube.
- D. The student waited for the granules to dissolve to prevent clogging of the NG tube.

ANS: D

See Nursing Implications/Implementation for esomeprazole: The NG must be flushed after medication provision, and tube feeding should be held for at least 1 hr. Verifying patient identity with two unique identifiers is the correct way to ensure safe medication administration. For patients with an NG tube, delayed-release capsules can be opened and intact granules emptied into a 60 mL syringe and mixed with 50 mL of water. Replace plunger and shake vigorously for 15 sec. Hold syringe with tip up and check for granules in tip. Attach syringe to NG tube and administer solution. After administering, flush syringe with additional water. Do not administer if granules have dissolved or disintegrated. Administer immediately

after mixing. Provide at least 1 hr before meals. The NG tube must be flushed after medication provision, and tube feeding should be held for at least 1 hr.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-ulcer agents

REF: Pages 525-526

23. The nurse caring for patients on a gynecological surgery unit would monitor which of the following women most closely for evidence of a deep vein thrombosis?

- A. A 64-year-old patient taking Apriso (mesalamine) who has a history of ulcerative colitis.
- B. A 47-year-old patient admitted for lumpectomy with a family history of breast cancer.
- C. A 58-year-old patient taking Estrace (estradiol) with a 42-pack-per-year history of smoking.
- D. A 61-year-old patient who had a bladder-sling procedure whose platelet count is 167,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>.

ANS: C

See Adverse Reactions/Side effects for estradiol: CV risk for MI and thromboembolism; smoking increases risk of adverse CV reactions. Mesalamine is a GI anti-inflammatory agent used in the treatment of ulcerative colitis and does not increase risk of thromboembolism. The platelet count is normal and although all surgical patients have an increased risk for thromboembolism, the patient taking estradiol is at higher risk.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Hormones

REF: Page 527

24. A student nurse is taking care of patients on a medical unit and receives new orders for Lunesta (eszopiclone) 2 mg orally each evening. In transcribing this order, the student should take which of the following actions?

- A. Schedule the medication routinely at 6 p.m.
- B. Schedule the medication 1 hr prior to the evening meal.
- C. Call the pharmacy to ask what time the medication should be given.
- D. Schedule the medication at bedtime.

ANS: D

See Route/Dosage for eszopiclone: 2 mg immediately before bedtime.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Sedative/hypnotics

REF: Page 532

25. While reviewing medications to be provided by a student nurse, the instructor notes a patient is scheduled to take famciclovir 500 mg orally every 8 hr. The instructor suspects the patient most likely has which of the following diagnoses?

- A. Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infection
- B. Hepatic encephalopathy
- C. Herpes zoster
- D. Bacterial pneumonia

ANS: C

See Indications for famciclovir: Famciclovir is given for acute herpes zoster infection (shingles).

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antivirals

REF: Page 547

26. A nurse working in hospice is providing care for a patient reporting increased instances of pain. Which of the following factors would indicate the patient is a good candidate for Fentanyl *transmucosal* (ACTIQ) therapy?

- A. The patient reports breakthrough pain 8 out of 10.
- B. The patient currently takes greater than 60 mg of oral morphine scheduled around the clock per day.
- C. The patient has pancreatic cancer.
- D. The patient has an allergy to hydromorphone.

ANS: B

See Indications and Implementation for Fentanyl *transmucosal*: Used in the management of breakthrough pain in cancer patients already receiving and tolerant to around-the-clock opioid therapy for persistent cancer pain (60 mg/day of oral morphine or equivalent). The patient's ranking of pain, cancer diagnosis, and allergy to hydromorphone do not necessarily indicate that buccal fentanyl is an appropriate therapy.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Opioid analgesics

REF: Pages 561-562

27. While working with a patient who takes Dalmane (flurazepam), the nurse should be most concerned by which of the following patient statements?

- A. "I usually take the medication at 10 P.M."
- B. "I have to take it every night or I won't get any sleep."
- C. "I work out at the gym three to four times per week."
- D. "I stopped drinking coffee at dinner now."

ANS: B

See flurazepam Patient/Family Teaching: Advise patient to take medication as prescribed (at bedtime). Teach sleep hygiene techniques (dark room, quiet, bedtime ritual, limit daytime napping, avoid nicotine and caffeine). Prolonged use may lead to psychological or physical dependence.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Sedative/hypnotics

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28. The nurse caring for a patient who takes Simponi (golimumab) recognizes this as a relatively new agent in the class of monoclonal antibodies. In addition to their usefulness in the treatment of some tumor types, these agents play a role in the treatment of which of the following disease states?

- A. Viral hepatitis
- B. Rheumatoid arthritis
- C. Pancreatitis
- D. Multiple sclerosis

ANS: B

See Indications for golimumab: Golimumab is used in the treatment of moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (with methotrexate), treatment of active psoriatic arthritis (alone or with methotrexate), and treatment of active ankylosing spondylitis.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antirheumatics

REF: Page 621

29. The nurse providing therapy with Simponi (golimumab) recognizes the patient must be meticulously screened for which of the following?

- A. A history of active or latent tuberculosis
- B. The presence of orthostatic hypotension
- C. Risk factors associated with acute respiratory distress syndrome
- D. A history of poorly controlled diabetes mellitus

ANS: A

See Contraindications/Precautions, Nursing Implication/Assessment for golimumab: Use cautiously in patient with history of latent or active tuberculosis, when adequate treatment cannot be confirmed, antitubercular therapy should be considered. An increased risk of hypotension is not associated with this medication. An increased risk of ARDS is not associated with this medication. An increased risk of uncontrolled blood glucose levels is not associated with this medication.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antirheumatics

REF: Page 622

30. The nurse is caring for a patient receiving treatment for viral pneumonia. The nurse notes the patient has a persistent cough that is interfering with the patient's ability to sleep. Which of the following medications should the nurse provide?

- A. Ativan (lorazepam) 1 mg orally prn

- B. Guaifenesin (guaifenesin) 200 mg every 4 hr prn
- C. Tylenol (acetaminophen) 325 mg orally prn
- D. Sustol (granisetron) 2 mg orally prn

ANS: B

See Indications for guaifenesin: Guaifenesin is used for cough associated with viral upper respiratory tract infections. Lorazepam is a sedative. Acetaminophen is an analgesic. Granisetron is an antiemetic.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Allergy, cold and cough remedies; Expectorants

REF: Page 628

31. A nurse on the cardiac unit is providing care to a 67-year-old patient who has recently been started on BiDil (hydralazine/isosorbide dinitrate) 1 tablet orally three times daily. The patient informs the nurse that he has a headache and rates his headache pain as 4 on a scale of 1–10. Which of the following actions by the nurse is best?

- A. Hold all future doses of BiDil and notify the pharmacy that the patient is allergic to the medication.
- B. Determine the patient's oxygen saturation and call the physician.
- C. Inform the patient this is a common side effect and provide Tylenol (acetaminophen) prn as ordered.
- D. Provide earphones and teach the patient to use distraction techniques.

ANS: C

See Patient/Family Teaching for hydralazine/isosorbide dinitrate: Inform the patient that headache is a common side effect that should decrease with continuing therapy. Aspirin or acetaminophen may be ordered to treat headache. Notify the health-care provider if headache is persistent or severe. Do not later dose to avoid headache. Valid assessment would include vital signs and neurological examination because the medication is used in the treatment of heart failure; however, headache is not a symptom of allergic reaction, and there is no immediate need to notify the physician. Distraction techniques may be helpful but will not be the highest priority.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Vasodilators

REF: Page 654

32. A nursing student is preparing to join a college expedition in the tropics. Which of the following medications is most likely to be included in the medical preparation for this trip?

- A. Keppra (levetiracetam)
- B. Remicade (infliximab)
- C. Namenda (memantine)
- D. Plaquenil (hydroxychloroquine)

ANS: D

See indications for hydroxychloroquine. It is an antimalarial agent used in the suppression/chemoprophylaxis of malaria, which is common in tropical areas. See indications for levetiracetam. It is an anti-seizure medication. See indications for infliximab. It is a monoclonal antibody used as an antirheumatic. See indications for memantine. It is an anti-Alzheimer's agent.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antimalarial

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33. The nurse is providing discharge instructions to a patient taking Boniva (ibandronate). The nurse should intervene if the client makes which of the following statements?

- A. "I usually walk 2 miles a day."
- B. "I take that every morning when I get up and can't eat for an hour."
- C. "I realized at lunch time that I'd forgotten to take it once last week, so I just skipped the dose."
- D. "I always take that with my morning coffee."

ANS: D

See Implementation for Ibandronate: Ibandronate should be taken with 6–8 oz of plain water (mineral water, orange juice, coffee, and other beverages decrease absorption) 60 min before beverages or food. Encourage patient to participate in regular exercise. Instruct patient on the importance of taking as directed, first thing in the morning, 60 min before other medications, beverages, or food. If a dose is missed, skip dose and resume the next morning.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Bone resorption inhibitors

REF: Pages 665-666

34. A nurse caring for a patient who takes Tofranil (imipramine) 150 mg orally at bedtime would be most concerned by which of the following observations?

- A. The patient's urine has a blue-green tinge.
- B. The patient reports fuzzy vision and difficulty seeing.
- C. The patient reports feeling dizzy when getting out of bed.
- D. The patient reports she has gained 2 pounds in the last 3 weeks.

ANS: B

See Patient/Family Teaching for imipramine: Instruct the patient to notify health-care professional if visual changes occur. Inform patient that periodic glaucoma testing may be needed during long-term therapy. Alert patient that urine may turn blue-green in color. Caution patient to change positions slowly to minimize orthostatic hypotension. Inform patient of need to monitor dietary intake, as possible increase in appetite may lead to undesired weight gain.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidepressants

REF: Pages 680-681

35. A patient with asthma has multiple inhalants prescribed including Ventolin (albuterol), Pulmicort Flexhaler (budesonide), and Atrovent (ipratropium). The nurse verifies teaching is effective if which of the following is observed?

- A. The patient takes the Atrovent (ipratropium) inhaler first
- B. The patient waits 1 min between each medication
- C. The patient rinses her mouth after using the inhalers
- D. The patient reports using ipratropium when experiencing severe, acute bronchospasms

ANS: C

See Nursing Implications and Patient/Family Teaching for albuterol: Advise patient that rinsing mouth after using inhaler, good oral hygiene, and sugarless gum or candy may minimize dry mouth. When ipratropium is administered concurrently with other inhalation medications, administer adrenergic bronchodilators (albuterol) first, followed by ipratropium, then corticosteroids. Wait 5 min between medications. Albuterol is the inhaler of choice with acute bronchospasm because the onset of action of ipratropium is too slow for patients in acute distress.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Bronchodilators

REF: Page 119-120

36. The nurse is caring for a patient recently started on Seroquel (quetiapine). Which assessment finding would indicate that treatment was effective?

- A. BP = 178/82
- B. Patient denies hearing voices in his head.
- C. Urine output was 350 mL in 8 hr.
- D. Patient reported pain was a 2 on a 1–10 scale.

ANS: B

See Evaluation/Desired Outcomes for quetiapine: Decrease in positive symptoms (delusions, hallucinations) of schizophrenia.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antipsychotics, Mood stabilizers

REF: Page 1073

37. The nurse is providing care for a patient diagnosed with candidiasis. The nurse expects the medication record to include which of the following medications?

- A. Lamictal (lamotrigine)
- B. Trandate (labetalol)
- C. Sprix (ketorolac)
- D. Nizoral (ketoconazole)

ANS: D

See Indications for ketoconazole: Ketoconazole is indicated in the treatment of candidiasis. See Indications for lamotrigine. It is an anticonvulsant. See Indications for labetalol. It is an anti-anginal beta blocker. See Indications for ketorolac. It is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory analgesic.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-fungals

REF: Page 742 | Page 735 | Page 730 | Page 174

38. The nurse is caring for a patient on the operative day for a laparoscopic-assisted vaginal hysterectomy. The patient complains of pain and the nurse notes orders for ketorolac 30 mg intravenously every 6 hr as needed for pain. Which of the following actions should the nurse take?

- A. Mix the ketorolac with 10 mL sterile normal saline prior to administration.
- B. Check the patient's magnesium level prior to administration.
- C. Draw up the medication and administer in the nearest IV port over 15 seconds.
- D. Check to determine if the patient has an allergy to morphine.

ANS: C

See IV administration for Ketorolac: Administer undiluted. Ketorolac may alter BUN, serum lipoproteins, potassium, triglycerides, and uric acid levels, but no effect on magnesium is expected. Allergy to morphine is not a contraindication for the use of ketorolac.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents; Nonopioid analgesics

REF: Page 732

39. The nurse is caring for a patient admitted with hepatic encephalopathy who is receiving Constilac (lactulose). The nurse should be prepared to assist the patient in managing which of the following side effects?

- A. Headache
- B. Somnolence
- C. Muscle aches
- D. Frequent loose stools

ANS: D

See Side Effects for lactulose: Belching, cramps, distention, flatulence, diarrhea, and hyperglycemia.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Laxatives

REF: Page 739

40. The nurse is caring for a patient who reports taking Prevacid (lansoprazole) 15 mg orally each day. The nurse expects the pharmacy to substitute which of the following medications during hospitalization?



- A. Prilosec (omeprazole)
- B. Zofran (ondansetron)
- C. Carafate (sucralfate)
- D. Tums (calcium carbonate)

ANS: A

See Action *for* calcium carbonate, lansoprazole, omeprazole, ondansetron, and sucralfate. While each of the medications may be used in the treatment of gastric ulcer, the action of lansoprazole and omeprazole are similar; both are proton pump inhibitors, and therefore substitution based on availability per hospital pharmacy registry is possible.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-ulcer agents

REF: Page 266 | Page 745 | Page 945 | Page 947 | Page 1154

41. The nurse is caring for a patient experiencing dysphagia and weight loss due to oral mucositis. Which of the following should be the nurse's highest priority?

- A. Instruct the patient to use hydrogen-peroxide-based mouthwash three times daily.
- B. Provide Xylocaine (viscous lidocaine) topically prior to meals.
- C. Encourage normal saline rinses each morning.
- D. Order a puree diet.

ANS: B

See Indications for lidocaine: Local infiltration/mucosal/topical anesthetic. Mouth rinses containing hydrogen peroxide help prevent infection but will not relieve the pain associated with oral mucositis. Normal saline rinses should be recommended frequently (every 2–4 hr) to keep the mouth clean but will not help reduce pain with meals. Puree diet may be helpful but will not address the patient's report of pain.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anesthetics—topical/local

REF: Page 774

42. The nurse is caring for a pediatric patient who needs to have an IV line started. The nurse plans to provide EMLA cream (lidocaine/prilocaine) to the patient's arm. Which of the following actions should the nurse take?

- A. Rub the cream onto a 2-inch surface of the arm 15 min prior to the procedure.
- B. Rub the cream onto a 6-inch surface of the arm 30–45 min prior to the procedure.
- C. Place a thick layer of cream under an occlusive dressing on a 2-inch site 1 hr prior to the procedure.
- D. Place a thin layer of cream under an occlusive dressing on a 6-inch site 20 min prior to the procedure.

ANS: C

See Implementation for lidocaine/prilocaine: Apply the 2.5 g tube of cream (one-half of the 5 g tube) to each 2-inch by 2-inch area of skin in a thick layer. Cover so there is a thick layer of cream under the

occlusive dressing. Do not spread out or rub in the cream. It must be applied at least 1 hr before the start of the procedure.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anesthetics—topical/local

REF: Page 774

43. The nurse is caring for a patient admitted from an extended care facility who has developed a moist, productive cough. A chest x ray was ordered and new orders for Zyvox (linezolid) 600 mg IV every 12 hr has been received. Which of the following orders should the nurse also complete prior to providing the first dose of medication?

- A. Daily weight
- B. Sputum culture and sensitivity
- C. Complete blood count (CBC)
- D. Chemistry profile

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications for linezolid: Obtain specimens for culture and sensitivity prior to initiating therapy.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Page 778

44. The nurse is caring for a patient who is to receive 1 mg of Ativan (lorazepam) intravenously as conscious sedation prior to a bedside procedure. Which of the following actions should the nurse take?

- A. Infuse the medication using an insulin syringe directly into the nearest Y port of the IV.
- B. Dilute the medication with 10 mL of Lactated Ringer's solution prior to administration.
- C. Administer the medication over at least 1 min.
- D. Monitor the patient for hypertension immediately following administration.

ANS: C

See IV Administration for lorazepam: Administer at a rate not to exceed 2 mg/min or 0.05 mg/kg over 2–5 min. The medication should be diluted. Insulin syringes are reserved for insulin and are generally not used to provide IV medication. Dilute immediately before use with an equal amount of sterile water for injection, D5W or 0.9NS for injection. Rapid administration may result in apnea, hypotension, bradycardia, or cardiac arrest—hypertension is not expected.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anesthetic adjuncts

REF: Page 791

45. The nurse is working with a client who is undergoing a bowel prep prior to a scheduled colonoscopy. Which of the following medications should the nurse expect to provide?

- A. Magnesium chloride sustained-release tablets 535 mg/each, 2 tablets
- B. Magnesium citrate oral solution, 300 mL bottle
- C. Magnesium hydroxide chewable tablets, 300 mg
- D. Magnesium sulfate 1 g intravenously

ANS: B

See Indications for Magnesium citrate oral solution: Bowel evacuant in preparation for surgical/radiographic procedures. Magnesium citrate oral solution is used as a bowel prep. Sustained-release tablets will not aid in the evacuation of bowel contents. Chewable tablets are used as electrolyte replacement or as an antacid. IV provision is used for electrolyte replacement.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Mineral and electrolyte replacements, laxatives

REF: Page 800

46. The nurse is caring for a patient in the intensive care unit. The patient is receiving Osmitol (mannitol) 0.5 g/kg infused over 60 min. Which of the following would indicate an effective response to the treatment?

- A. Urine output is 50 mL over the next hour.
- B. White blood cell count is 6.4 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>.
- C. Patient oxygen status is 89% on 3 L of oxygen.
- D. Patient's blood pressure is 148/42.

ANS: A

See Indications and Evaluation for mannitol: Mannitol is used in the treatment of acute oliguric renal failure, edema, and increased intracranial or intra-ocular pressure. Urine output of at least 30–50 mL/hr or an increase in urine output in accordance with parameters set by physician should be seen. Mannitol will have no effect on the WBC. Oxygenation may improve if intracranial pressure or fluid overload is effecting oxygenation, but this saturation is below normal and not indicative of effective treatment. Wide pulse pressures are indicative of increased intracranial pressure that should improve with mannitol treatment.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Diuretics

REF: Pages 804-805

47. The nurse is caring for a patient admitted with chronic pain who has been receiving meperidine 100 mg orally every 3–4 hr as needed for pain for the past 4 days. Which of the following actions is the highest priority in the patient's care?

- A. Monitor the patient for irritability or seizure activity.
- B. Determine when the patient last moved his bowels.
- C. Ask the patient if he is experiencing insomnia.
- D. Check the patient's labs to determine triglyceride levels.

ANS: A

See Nursing Implications for Meperidine: Monitor patients on chronic or high-dose therapy for CNS stimulation (restlessness, irritability, or seizures) due to accumulation of normeperidine metabolite. Risk of toxicity increases with doses greater than 600 mg/24 hr. Constipation is a concern for the patient but is not the highest priority. Insomnia is not expected because meperidine causes sedation. Triglyceride levels are not affected by meperidine.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Opioid analgesics

REF: Pages 815-816

48. The nurse recognizes that Apriso (mesalamine) would most likely be included in the plan of care for which of the following patients?

- A. A 52-year-old patient with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- B. A 49-year-old patient with acute cholelithiasis.
- C. A 37-year-old patient with ruptured ectopic pregnancy.
- D. A 27-year-old patient with ulcerative colitis.

ANS: D

See Indications for mesalamine: Mesalamine is used for inflammatory bowel disease including ulcerative colitis, proctitis, and proctosigmoiditis.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Gastrointestinal anti-inflammatories

REF: Page 821

49. The nurse is caring for a patient who has been receiving chemotherapy for the past 4 months. The patient takes Reglan (metoclopramide) 10 mg every 4 hr as needed for nausea and vomiting. The nurse should be most concerned with which of the following patient statements?

- A. "I'm losing my balance a lot and I noticed my hands are shaky."
- B. "I've lost 5 pounds in the past month."
- C. "I'm not sure what I'm going to do when I don't have to come in here all of the time."
- D. "My kids are really struggling with the fact that I just don't have any energy anymore."

ANS: A

See Nursing Implications for metoclopramide: Assess patient for extrapyramidal side effects—difficulty speaking or swallowing, loss of balance, pill rolling, mask-like face, shuffling gait, rigidity, tremors, and dystonic reactions. Weight loss is concerning but not the highest priority. Psychosocial concerns are important but are not the highest priority. Psychosocial concerns are important but are not the highest priority.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-emetics

REF: Pages 844-845

50. The nurse is caring for a patient who reports long-term use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents for the treatment of osteoarthritis. Which of the following medications would the nurse also expect as part of the patient's treatment plan?

- A. Cytotec (misoprostol)
- B. Lopressor (metoprolol)
- C. Flagyl (metronidazole)
- D. Remeron (mirtazapine)

ANS: A

See Indications for misoprostol. Misoprostol is used in the prevention of gastric mucosal injury from NSAIDs in high-risk patients. See Indications for metoprolol. Metoprolol is a beta blocker. See Indications for metronidazole. Metronidazole is an anti-infective. See Indications for mirtazapine. Mirtazapine is an antidepressant.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-ulcer agent

REF: Page 867 | Page 847 | Page 850 | Page 865

51. The nurse is counseling the parent of a 14-year-old patient with asthma who is to initiate maintenance therapy with Singulair (montelukast). Which of the following should the nurse include in the teaching?

- A. "This medication can be helpful in acute asthmatic attacks."
- B. "Monitor your child for any behavior that indicates depression or suicidal thoughts."
- C. "If your child is not experiencing any asthma symptoms, she will not need to take the medication that day."
- D. "Now that your child is taking this medication, she will not need her other asthma medications."

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications and Patient/Family Teaching for montelukast: Monitor closely for changes in behavior that could indicate the emergence or worsening of depression or suicidal thoughts. Montelukast is not to be used to treat acute asthmatic attacks. Take medication daily even if not experiencing symptoms of asthma. Instruct patient not to discontinue or reduce other asthma medications without consulting a health-care professional.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Allergy, cold and cough remedies; Bronchodilators

REF: Pages 874-875

52. The student nurse is participating in discharge teaching for the parents of a 2-year-old patient diagnosed with impetigo who have been given a prescription for Bactroban (mupirocin). The student understands that this medication is provided in which of the following forms?

- A. As an oral pill
- B. As a rectal suppository
- C. As a topical ointment
- D. As a liquid suspension

ANS: C

See Availability for Bactroban: Ointment or cream. Impetigo is a skin infection characterized by honey-colored crusts often involving the nose or around the oral mucosa; treatment is topical.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Page 879

53. The nurse is caring for a patient who has been started on Corgard (nadolol). Which of the following assessment findings would be most concerning to the nurse?

- A. A fasting blood sugar of 92 g/dL
- B. A blood pressure of 116/70 mm Hg
- C. Noted jugular vein distension
- D. A resting pulse of 64 bpm

ANS: C

See Nursing Implications for nadolol: Assess patient routinely for evidence of fluid overload (including jugular vein distention). The fasting blood sugar is within accepted normal limits. Blood pressure is of a normal finding. Pulse is of a normal finding.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-anginals; Anti-hypertensives

REF: Pages 883-884

54. The nurse is caring for a patient who has been on multiple antibiotics for the treatment of pneumonia. The patient reports having a sore throat. The nurse notes a white coating on the patient's tongue as well as redness to the lips and gums. The nurse would most likely contact the physician to request which of the following?

- A. Pamelor (nortriptyline) 25 mg capsules three times daily
- B. Nimodipine 30 mg capsules every 4 hr
- C. Zyprexa (olanzapine) 5 mg tablet daily
- D. Nilstat (nystatin) 400,000 unit lozenge four times daily

ANS: D

See Indications, Dosage, and Availability for nystatin. Nystatin is used for local treatment of oropharyngeal candidiasis and can be taken as an oral suspension or as a lozenge. See Indications, Dosage, and Availability for nortriptyline. Nortriptyline is an antidepressant. See Indications, Dosage, and Availability for nimodipine. Nimodipine is a calcium channel blocker. See Indications, Dosage and Availability for olanzapine. Olanzapine is an antipsychotic.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antifungals

REF: Page 924 | Page 911 | Pages 932 | Page 927

55. A nurse working in the chemotherapy outpatient department is providing antiemetic therapy using Zofran (ondansetron). The ordered dose is 32 mg. Which of the following actions should the nurse take to optimize the efficacy of the medication?

- A. Provide the dose as an intramuscular injection 10 min prior to starting chemotherapy.
- B. Provide the dose undiluted intravenously over 2 min just prior to starting chemotherapy.
- C. Provide the dose diluted in 50 mL of D5W infused intravenously over 15 min at least 30 min prior to starting chemotherapy.
- D. Provide the dose diluted in 50 mL of 0.9 NaCl infused intravenously over 5 min, 60 min prior to starting chemotherapy.

ANS: C

See Route/Dosage and IV administration for ondansetron: Prevention of chemotherapy-induced nausea/vomiting can be given as a single 32 mg dose 30 min prior to chemotherapy. Ondansetron can be diluted in D5W and 0.9 NaCl.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-emetics

REF: Pages 947-948

56. A nurse in an outpatient clinic receives a call from a patient who reports having had symptoms of the flu for the past 4 days. The patient is seeking an appointment with the physician and wants, "the medication that treats the flu [Tamiflu (oseltamivir)]." Which of the following responses by the nurse is best?

- A. "Tamiflu is only helpful for those who have had symptoms for 2 days or less."
- B. "Did you receive the flu shot this season?"
- C. "What is your current temperature?"
- D. "Do you have an allergy to eggs?"

ANS: A

See Indications for oseltamivir: Oseltamivir is used in the treatment of uncomplicated acute illness due to influenza infection in adults and children who have had symptoms for  $\leq 2$  days. Flu shot, current temperature, and egg allergy are not contraindications for Tamiflu.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antivirals

REF: Page 950

57. The student nurse is caring for a patient who currently takes Ditropan XL (oxybutynin). The student should include which of the following statements in the patient's teaching?

- A. "This medication will help reduce your pain."
- B. "Some people who take this develop ringing in their ears."
- C. "This medication helps you control your bladder."
- D. "Some people complain of night sweats with this medication."

ANS: C

See Indications for oxybutynin: Oxybutynin is used for urinary symptoms that may be associated with neurogenic bladder including frequent urination, urgency, nocturia, urge incontinence. The side effect profile does not include ringing in the ears or night sweats.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Urinary tract antispasmodics

REF: Page 960

58. While reviewing a patient's medications for the day, the nurse notes the patient is prescribed Creon (pancrelipase) three times daily. Which of the following actions by the nurse is best?

- A. Provide the medication 30 min after the patient's meals.
- B. Provide the medication immediately before or with the patient's meals.
- C. Provide the medication at least 60 min before the patient's meals.
- D. Provide the medication evenly spaced throughout the day with no correlation with meals.

ANS: B

See Route/Dosage for Creon: One to three capsules before or with meals.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Digestive agent

REF: Page 979

59. The nurse receives a call from a client who recently started taking Paxil (paroxetine). The parent reports the child has lost 6 pounds in the past 10 days. Which of the following statements by the nurse is best?

- A. "Are you able to come into the clinic today?"
- B. "That's great news, the treatment must be working."
- C. "Weight loss is expected with this medication, so there is no reason for concern."
- D. "Has your child had any vomiting?"

ANS: A

See Nursing Implications for Paxil: Paxil is an antianxiety/antidepressant. It is important to monitor appetite and nutritional intake, weigh weekly, and notify health-care professional of continued weight loss.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-anxiety agents, Anti-depressants

REF: Pages 988

60. The nurse is caring for a patient who needs emergency surgery. The patient's history includes daily use of Coumadin (warfarin). Which of the following medications should the nurse anticipate being ordered?

- A. Dilantin (phenytoin)



- B. Vitamin K (phytonadione)
- C. Luminal (phenobarbital)
- D. Protamine sulfate

ANS: B

See Indications for Vitamin K: Phytonadione (vitamin K) is the antidote to oral anticoagulants. Phenytoin is an anticonvulsant. Phenobarbital is an anticonvulsant. Protamine sulfate is the antidote to heparin.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidotes

REF: Pages 1027 and 1283

61. The nurse receives a call from a patient who recently started taking Actos (pioglitazone) 15 mg every morning. The patient states, "I forgot to take it for the past 2 days. What should I do?" Which of the following is the best response by the nurse?

- A. "Simply take the medication as planned today."
- B. "Take two today and then one a day from this point forward."
- C. "You will need to come in and have some blood drawn."
- D. "Are you experiencing any pain today?"

ANS: A

See Patient/Family Teaching for Actos: Instruct the patient to take the medication as directed. If the dose for 1 day is missed, do not double the dose the next day. Pioglitazone improves sensitivity to insulin and is used in the control of diabetes. Pain is not a side effect or the indication for treatment so assessing pain is not pertinent to the stated problem.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidiabetics (oral)

REF: Pages 1033

62. The nurse is caring for a patient in the intensive care unit with an NG tube to low intermittent suction after bowel surgery. Morning lab results include the following:  $\text{Na}^+ = 136 \text{ mEq}$ ,  $\text{K}^+ = 3.3 \text{ mEq}$ ,  $\text{Cl}^- = 100 \text{ mEq}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{++} = 10 \text{ mg/dL}$ . The patient has scheduled medications, which include potassium bicarbonate/potassium chloride 40 mEq via NG and Lasix (furosemide) 20 mg intravenous push daily. Which of the following actions should the nurse take next?

- A. Evaluate the patient's telemetry reading.
- B. Hold the patient's daily dose of potassium chloride.
- C. Assess the amount and color of the NG output over the past 2 hr.
- D. Provide the patient's scheduled Lasix (furosemide).

ANS: A

See Evaluation/Desired Outcomes and Nursing Implications for Potassium bicarbonate/potassium chloride: Potassium bicarbonate/potassium chloride is used to prevent or correct serum potassium depletion. The patient's serum potassium is low, and this places the patient at risk for cardiac arrhythmias.

The medication should be given. While the NG output is important, it is not the highest priority. While the scheduled furosemide dose is important, it is not the highest priority.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Mineral and electrolyte replacements/supplements

REF: Pages 1041-1042

63. The nurse is providing care for a patient who is being considered for treatment with Actonel (risedronate). Prior to initiating therapy, the nurse should evaluate the results from which of the following diagnostic tests?

- A. Echocardiogram
- B. Pulmonary function tests
- C. Fasting blood sugar
- D. Bone density study

ANS: D

See Nursing Implications for Actonel: Assess patient via bone density study for low bone mass before and periodically during therapy.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Bone resorption inhibitors

REF: Pages 1100

64. The nurse is caring for a patient who takes rosiglitazone 4 mg daily. The nurse should be most concerned by which of the following assessment findings?

- A. Random glucose = 142 mg/dL
- B. Urine output is 200 mL in the past 4 hr
- C. Inspiratory crackles noted on auscultation
- D. Apical pulse = 72 bpm

ANS: C

See Nursing Implications for rosiglitazone: Assess patient for edema and signs of CHF (dyspnea, rales/crackles, peripheral edema, weight gain, jugular venous distention). Rosiglitazone is used in the treatment of diabetes mellitus, so an elevated serum glucose of 142 mg/dL is expected. Urine output is within normal limits. Apical pulse is within normal limits.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidiabetics

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65. The nurse is providing Serevent Diskus (salmeterol) to a patient on the medical unit who has a long-term history of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The nurse would intervene if which of the following were observed?

- A. The patient did not attach a spacer prior to inspiration.
- B. The patient closes the device after inhalation without washing the mouthpiece.
- C. The patient held the diskus level in a horizontal position.
- D. The patient exhaled into the diskus device.

ANS: D

See Patient/Family Teaching for salmeterol: Instruct patient using powder for inhalation never to exhale into diskus device and to always hold the device in a level, horizontal position. The mouthpiece should be kept dry; never wash.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Bronchodilators

REF: Page 1123

66. The nurse is providing care for a patient who is taking Senokot (sennoside) two tablets orally each day. Which of the following actions by the nurse will most promote effective treatment with this planned medication?

- A. Give the medication with breakfast at 8 a.m.
- B. Give the medication with a full glass of water.
- C. Determine the patient's resting pulse rate prior to provision.
- D. Assess the patient's level of consciousness 2 hr after provision.

ANS: B

See Implementation sennoside: Take with a full glass of water. Administer medication at bedtime for evacuation 6–12 hr later. Administer on an empty stomach for more rapid results. Determining resting pulse is not necessary or related to the medications action or side effects. Determining level of consciousness is not necessary or related to the medication's action or side effects.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Laxatives

REF: Page 1132

67. While providing care for a patient who takes Januvia (sitagliptin), the nurse should be most concerned by which of the following findings?

- A. Patient reports persistent abdominal pain that radiates to the back
- B. Patient reports having a headache
- C. Hemoglobin A1C = 5%
- D. Patient takes Glucophage (metformin) concurrently

ANS: A

See Nursing Implications for sitagliptin: Monitor for signs of pancreatitis (nausea, vomiting, anorexia, persistent severe abdominal pain, sometimes radiating to the back). Sitagliptin is used to improve

glycemic control in type 2 diabetes. Headache is a recognized side effect and is not the highest priority. Sitagliptin can be taken as monotherapy or in combination with metformin and a thiazolidinedione and/or a sulfonylurea. The hemoglobin A1C is normal.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidiabetics

REF: Pages 1143-1144

68. While talking to a teen who stopped taking tetracycline a couple of weeks ago, the nurse learns the teenager has been having diarrhea and abdominal cramping for the past few days. Which of the following responses by the nurse is best?

A. "Does anyone else in your family have the flu?"

B. "Did you get a flu vaccine this year?"

C. "How much water are you drinking each day?"

D. "You need to contact your physician right away. This could be a serious complication of your medication."

ANS: D

See Nursing Implications for tetracycline: Monitor bowel function. Diarrhea, abdominal cramping, fever, and bloody stools should be reported to the health-care professional promptly as a sign of pseudomembranous colitis. It may begin up to several weeks following cessation of therapy.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Pages 1192-1193

69. The nurse is preparing to provide routine morning medications, which include Synthroid (levothyroxine). Which of the following assessments should be done prior to administration?

A. Apical pulse rate

B. Serum sodium level

C. Deep tendon reflexes

D. Pupils' response to light

ANS: A

See Nursing Implications for levothyroxine: Assess apical pulse and blood pressure prior to and periodically during therapy. Assess for tachyarrhythmias and chest pain.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Hormones

REF: Page 770

70. A nurse working in a physician's office is collecting history information from a patient who reports experiencing erectile dysfunction and is seeking treatment with Levitra (vardenafil). This medication would be contraindicated if the patient is currently taking which of the following?

- A. Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (cyanocobalamin)
- B. Nitro-Dur (nitroglycerin patch)
- C. Chantix (varenicline)
- D. Effexor (venlafaxine)

ANS: B

See Interactions for vardenafil: Concurrent use of nitrates may cause serious life-threatening hypotension and is contraindicated. Concurrent use of Class IA antiarrhythmics (such as quinidine or procainamide) or Class III antiarrhythmics (such as amiodarone or sotalol) increase risk of serious arrhythmias and should be avoided.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Erectile dysfunction agents

REF: Page 1251

71. While working on a medical unit, the nurse answers a call light for a woman who asks to take her Ambien (zolpidem) 10 mg orally as ordered before going to sleep. After providing the medication, which of the following actions should the nurse take next?

- A. Instruct the patient to drink at least two full glasses of water in the next 30 min.
- B. Instruct the patient to wear her slippers if she gets up during the night.
- C. Raise the patient's bed side rail.
- D. Document the medication provision in the patient's chart.

ANS: C

See Nursing Implications/Implementation for zolpidem: Protect patient from injury; raise bed side rails. Assist with ambulation. Increasing fluid intake is not necessary and will increase risk of falls due to nocturnal urination. The patient should not get up without assistance in the hospital environment. Documentation is not the highest priority.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Sedative/hypnotics

REF: Pages 1297

72. While caring for a patient on post op day 1 after a total abdominal hysterectomy, the patient reports a pain level of 4 on a 1–10 scale. The nurse provides two tablets of Anexsia (hydrocodone/acetaminophen 5 mg/325 mg) orally along with the patient's other morning medications, which include Isordil (isosorbide) 10 mg and Lasix (furosemide) 20 mg orally at 9 a.m. Which of the following instructions should the nurse provide to the nursing assistant regarding the patient's activity?

- A. "Have her sit at the side of the bed for a minute before walking as she may be dizzy."
- B. "She should only take a short walk right now since she just ate her breakfast."
- C. "Wait to walk her until after lunch so her pain is better."
- D. "Let's not walk her today since she seems rather tired."

ANS: A

See Adverse Reactions/Side Effects for hydrocodone, isosorbide, and furosemide: May cause confusion, dizziness, sedation; dizziness, hypotension; hypotension. Orthostatic hypotension is a common concern for patients receiving these medications. There is no correlation between the patient's breakfast and a need to take a short walk. Pain relief will be optimal approximately 1 hr after the administration of the Anexsia and will begin to fade within 3–4 hr. It is important to walk postoperative patients if at all possible to prevent the formation of thromboembolism.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Opioid analgesics

REF: Page 655 | Page 717 | Page 602

73. The nurse would be most concerned about ototoxicity for which of the following patients?

- A. A 51-year-old patient receiving ciprofloxacin
- B. A 29-year-old patient receiving gentamycin
- C. A 37-year-old patient receiving cefazolin
- D. A 70-year-old patient receiving clindamycin

ANS: B

See Adverse Reactions/Side Effects for Aminoglycosides: Ototoxicity is a side effect associated with aminoglycosides including gentamycin. The other anti-infective agents are not associated with ototoxicity.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Page 137

74. Prior to the administration of Humira (adalimumab) the nurse should assess which of the following laboratory values?

- A. Blood glucose
- B. White blood cell count
- C. Red blood cell count
- D. Hemoglobin and hematocrit

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications for Adalimumab: Adalimumab prevents and alters the action of tumor necrosis factor. This drug is used in the treatment of severe rheumatoid arthritis. Adverse side effects include the risk for serious infections. The nurse should monitor for early signs and symptoms of infection.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Humira (adalimumab)

REF: Page 112

75. Pradaxa (dabigatran) is approved for the treatment of which of the following conditions?

- A. Deep vein thrombosis
- B. Pulmonary emboli
- C. Atrial fibrillation
- D. Prophylaxis for artificial heart valve

ANS: C

See Indications for dabigatran: Dabigatran is an anticoagulant that is approved for the treatment of atrial fibrillation. It lowers the risk of blood clot development.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Pradaxa (dabigatran)

REF: Page 385

76. The nurse immediately notifies the doctor of a reaction to Lyrica (pregabalin) based on which of the following assessments?

- A. Petechiae on legs and back
- B. Poor appetite
- C. Increased heart rate
- D. Vomiting

ANS: A

See Adverse Reactions/Side Effects for pregabalin: An adverse reaction to pregabalin is thrombocytopenia, which would cause petechiae. Poor appetite, increased heart rate and vomiting are not adverse reactions to pregabalin

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Drug: Lyrica (pregabalin)

REF: Page 1048

77. Which of the following actions should the nurse perform to administer Reclast (zoledronic acid)?

- A. Instruct the patient to look up and gently pull down on the eyelid.
- B. Select a syringe that will provide deep tissue insertion using a Z track method.
- C. Carefully peel back wrapper with extra caution not to touch the medication.

D. Assess patency of the intravenous site.

ANS: D

See Implementation for zoledronic acid: Zoledronic acid is a bone resorption inhibitor that is administered intravenously as a single infusion over at least 15 min.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Reclast (zoledronic acid)

REF: Page 1293

78. A public health nurse is administering the first dose of Gardasil (human papillomavirus quadrivalent vaccine) to a teenage girl. What action should the nurse take following the administration of this medication?

- A. Schedule an appointment for an additional dose in 4 weeks.
- B. Schedule an appointment for an additional dose in 8 weeks.
- C. Schedule an appointment for a second dose in 1 month and a third dose in 5 months.
- D. Schedule an appointment for a second dose in 2 months and a third dose in 6 months.

ANS: D

See Route/Dosage for Gardasil: Gardasil is a vaccine to protect against HPV. Gardasil is given in a series of three injections. After the first dose is administered, the second dose should be administered 2 months later. The last dose is given 6 months after the first dose.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Gardasil (human papillomavirus quadrivalent vaccine, recombinant)

REF: Page 651

79. Mr. Jacobs, who started taking Lipitor (atorvastatin) 8 weeks ago, returns for a follow-up visit. He is angry because there has been no improvement in his cholesterol level. How should the nurse respond to his concern?

- A. This medication helps to control but does not cure elevated serum cholesterol levels.
- B. Continue to take the medication as you have been and you should see results within 3 months.
- C. It must be taken in conjunction with an antihypertensive to get the most beneficial response.
- D. Did you eat something for breakfast this morning that would have caused the test result to be elevated?

ANS: A

See Indications and Nursing Implications for atorvastatin: Atorvastatin is given to help manage cholesterol levels but when taken alone it will not cure elevated serum cholesterol levels. The nurse



should ask Mr. Jacobs about his dietary history. To lower serum cholesterol levels a diet low in fat, cholesterol, carbohydrates, and alcohol should be consumed in conjunction with taking Lipitor.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Drug: Lipitor (atorvastatin)

REF: Pages 646

80. How is Abilify (aripiprazole) prescribed?

- A. As an add-on treatment along with antidepressant medications
- B. To minimize side effects associated with antidepressant medications
- C. As an add-on treatment for those with schizophrenia
- D. To minimize the side effects associated with medications for schizophrenia

ANS: A

See Indications/Nursing Implications for aripiprazole: Aripiprazole is used as an add-on medication when an antidepressant alone is not effective. If antidepressants have been used for at least 6 weeks and symptoms of major depressive disorder exist, aripiprazole can be added in addition to an antidepressant.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Abilify (aripiprazole)

REF: Pages 184-187

81. Which of the following should be communicated to a patient who is being prescribed Advair Diskus (fluticasone and salmeterol)?

- A. Open capsule and mix with water or juice.
- B. Rinse mouth with water after each use.
- C. Use a spacer device.
- D. Shake medication container prior to administration.

ANS: B

See Indications and Patient/Family Teaching for Advair Diskus (fluticasone and salmeterol): Advair Diskus is an anti-inflammatory and long-acting bronchodilator used for COPD, chronic bronchitis, and emphysema. Advair Diskus is an inhalation based medication that carries a side effect of thrush in the mouth; therefore, the mouth should be rinsed with water after each use. Advair requires the person to puncture the capsule in a sealed container prior to inhalation.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Advair (fluticasone and salmeterol)

REF: Pages 355-359 | Pages 1122-1123

82. The intended therapeutic response after administering Restasis (cyclosporine) is which of the following?

- A. Increase tear production
- B. Relieve corneal pressure
- C. Decrease bacterial growth associated with use of contact lenses
- D. Facilitate increased growth of eyelashes

ANS: A

See Indications for Restasis: Restasis is an ophthalmic emulsion used to increase tear production and provide temporary relief for those with chronic dry eye syndrome.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Restasis (cyclosporine)

REF: Page 1403 (Appendix C: ophthalmic medications)

83. Which of the following assessments would indicate that dopamine is effective?

- A. Increased blood pressure, peripheral circulation, and urine output
- B. Decreased respiratory rate and increased oxygen saturation
- C. Increased mental awareness, peripheral circulation, and respiratory rate
- D. Decreased blood pressure, increased urine output, and increased respiratory rate

ANS: A

See Indications and Evaluation/Desired Outcomes for dopamine: Dopamine (intropin) is a vasopressor agent used to treat shock that does not respond to fluid replacement. A desired outcome of dopamine is increased blood pressure, cardiac output, and urine output.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Dopamine (Intropin)

REF: Pages 460-461

84. A woman with severe rheumatoid arthritis is starting Simponi (golimumab). Which of the following tests should be performed prior to starting this medication?

- A. CT scan
- B. x ray
- C. D-Dimer
- D. Tuberculin skin test

ANS: D

See Nursing Implications/Implementation for golimumab: A tuberculin skin test should be administered prior to the administration of golimumab. There is serious risk for the development of tuberculosis while taking this medication. If a test indicates the presence of latent tuberculosis, treatment must be initiated prior to initiation of golimumab.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Simponi (golimumab)

REF: Pages 622-623

85. A 7-year-old patient is to receive intravenous Lanoxin (digoxin). The apical rate is 66. What should the nurse do?

- A. Administer Lanoxin as ordered.
- B. Give fluid bolus and administer Lanoxin in 1 hr.
- C. Hold Lanoxin and notify the doctor.
- D. Hold Lanoxin and take apical rate again in 2 hr.

ANS: C

See Nursing Implications for digoxin: Digoxin should be held if an apical pulse is less than 70 beats per minute in a child. The health-care provider should be notified.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Lanoxin (digoxin)

REF: Pages 432-433

86. A 37-year-old male was brought to the emergency room in thyroid crisis. Which medication will likely be ordered?

- A. Potassium chloride
- B. Potassium gluconate
- C. Potassium iodide
- D. Potassium

ANS: C

See Nursing Implications for Potassium Iodide: Thyroid crisis is a severe hyperthyroid response. The therapeutic effect of potassium iodide is to slow the release and synthesis of thyroid hormones.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Potassium Iodide (iodine, iodide)

REF: Drugguide.com

87. When starting a patient on Synthroid (levothyroxine), which of the following requires close monitoring?

- A. Neurological status
- B. Heart rate and rhythm
- C. Respiratory rate and depth
- D. Urinary output

ANS: B

See Indications for levothyroxine: Levothyroxine is a thyroid supplement for the treatment of hypothyroidism. It is necessary to monitor the heart rate and rhythm, blood pressure, and chest pain. These symptoms are associated with hyperthyroidism, indicating that the patient is overdosed or has a toxic level of levothyroxine.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Synthroid (levothyroxine)

REF: Page 769

88. Which is the preferred route for administration of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (cyanocobalamin)?

- A. Sublingual
- B. Intravenous
- C. Intramuscular
- D. Dermal patch

ANS: C

See Route/Dosage for cyanocobalamin: Cyanocobalamin is a vitamin B<sub>12</sub> preparation used in the treatment of pernicious anemia. The preferred route of administration is monthly intramuscular injection.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (cyanocobalamin)

REF: Page 1274

89. Which of the following examples should be provided as food to include with dietary intake when taking Lasix (furosemide)?

- A. Cauliflower, cabbage, and yogurt
- B. Macaroni and cheese, deli meat, and buttermilk
- C. Clams, oysters, and broccoli
- D. Potatoes, milk, and prune juice

ANS: D

See Indications for furosemide: Furosemide is a diuretic that will decrease potassium levels. A diet high in potassium is needed to replace potassium that is lost. Cauliflower, cabbage, and yogurt are high in vitamin K. Macaroni and cheese, deli meat, and buttermilk are high in sodium. Clams, oysters, and broccoli are high in calcium. Potatoes, milk, and prune juice have high potassium levels.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Lasix (furosemide)

REF: Page 602 and see Appendix K

90. A 58-year-old woman with a history of cardiac arrhythmias visits her health-care provider with complaints of sunburn on her arm while riding in a car. What should the health-care provider suspect?

- A. Allergic reaction related to cardizem
- B. Photosensitivity related to amiodarone
- C. Dermatitis related to verapamil
- D. Hypersensitivity related to sotalol

ANS: B

See Indications and Adverse Reactions/Side Effects for Pacerone (amiodarone): Amiodarone is used to treat ventricular arrhythmias. A common side effect of amiodarone is photosensitivity that can occur through window glass and thin clothing.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Pacerone (amiodarone)

REF: Pages 141-142

91. What times should be indicated for the administration of Maalox?

- A. 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m.
- B. 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m.
- C. 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m.
- D. 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m., 11 p.m.

ANS: D

See Route/Dosage for Maalox: Maalox is an antacid and should be given 1–3 hr after meals and at bedtime. This medication should not be given at the same time as other medications are being taken.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Maalox

REF: Page 799

92. Namenda (memantine) should be used cautiously in those with an impaired:

A. Cognitive status

B. Cardiac status

C. Renal status

D. Liver status

ANS: C

See Indications and Contraindications/Precautions for memantine: Memantine is an anti-Alzheimer's agent. Its therapeutic effect is to decrease symptoms of dementia. Memantine is metabolized through tubular reabsorption and excreted by the kidneys. This drug should be used cautiously in those with renal impairment, urinary tract infections, or those with renal tubular necrosis.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Namenda (memantine)

REF: Pages 812-813

93. What is Niacin indicated for?

A. The treatment of inflammatory response

B. As an adjunctive therapy for hyperlipidemia

C. The treatment of thrush

D. To prevent migraine headaches

ANS: B

See Indications for Niacin: Also known as vitamin B<sub>3</sub>, Niacin is required for lipid metabolism, glycogenolysis, and tissue repair. The therapeutic effect of niacin is to decrease blood lipids.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Niaspan (niacin)

REF: Pages 900

94. A 52-year-old patient is going home with NitroMist (nitroglycerine translingual spray). How should the patient be taught to take this medication?

- A. Shake canister, spray in mouth, and rinse with glass of water 5 min after administration.
- B. Roll canister between hands and spray on tongue.
- C. Inhale as the medication is being sprayed into the mouth.
- D. Lift the tongue and spray under the tongue.

ANS: D

See Nursing Implications/Implementation for NitroMist: can be applied as a spray under the tongue or on the tongue.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: NitroMist

REF: Page 917

95. A 62-year-old male is started on Revatio (sildenafil) for treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension. What is a side effect of this medication?

- A. Male erection
- B. Metallic taste in mouth
- C. Tinnitus
- D. Color of urine may turn orange

ANS: A

See Indications, Action, and Patient Family Teaching for Revatio: a form of sildenafil, a vasodilator for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension or as an erectile dysfunction agent. The patient must know to notify a health-care provider if an erection occurs that lasts for more than 4 hr.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Revatio (sildenafil)

REF: Pages 1135-1137

96. An overdose of Starlix (nateglinide) would present with which symptom?

- A. Hypertension
- B. Hypotension
- C. Hyperglycemia
- D. Hypoglycemia

ANS: D

See Indications, Adverse Reactions and assessment for nateglinide: Nateglinide is an antidiabetic agent intended to lower blood glucose. Too much of this medication or sensitivity to the medication could cause hypoglycemia. Symptoms such as weakness, dizziness, tachycardia, tremors, and anxiety would indicate hypoglycemia.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Starlix (nateglinide)

REF: Drugguide.com

97. Which laboratory value should be monitored during pharmacological therapy of Januvia (sitagliptin)?

- A. CBC
- B. Hemoglobin A1C
- C. Phosphorus levels
- D. Thiamine levels

ANS: B

See Indications and Nursing Implications for Januvia: an antidiabetic agent for those with type 2 diabetes. A hemoglobin A1C provides a 3-month window of glycemic control.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Januvia (sitagliptin)

REF: Pages 1143-1144

98. Percodan (oxycodone/aspirin) should not be given to a person with:

- A. Bleeding tendencies
- B. An allergy to seafood
- C. An inability to stand on his or her own
- D. A respiratory rate greater than 24 breaths/min

ANS: A

See Nursing Implications for Percodan: should not be given to people with bleeding tendencies because it is a combination drug made of oxycodone and aspirin.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Percodan (oxycodone and aspirin)

REF: Pages 963-964 | Page 191



99. A patient was started on Fragmin (dalteparin). Which of the following assessment findings should cause concern?

- A. Nosebleed
- B. Low urine output
- C. Fever
- D. Ecchymosis on the abdomen

ANS: A

See Indications, Nursing implications/Assessment and Implementation for dalteparin: Dalteparin is an anticoagulant in the form of a low molecular weight heparin. It is administered in the abdomen and may cause ecchymosis or inflammation around the injection site. Bleeding gums, nosebleeds, hematuria, black tarry stools, or unusual bleeding may indicate an adverse reaction. Dalteparin can be injected into the abdomen, and ecchymosis around the abdomen is common.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Drug: Fragmin (dalteparin)

REF: Pages 638-641

100. Ciprofloxacin, Levaquin, and Avelox fall under which drug classification?

- A. Aminoglycosides
- B. Carbapenems
- C. Macrolides
- D. Fluoroquinolones

ANS: D

See class of fluoroquinolones: These drugs fall under the category of fluoroquinolones, which are used in the treatment of bacterial infection by inhibiting bacterial synthesis.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug classification: Fluoroquinolones

REF: Page 579

101. As the nurse prepares to administer Ziagen, which of the following would indicate the medication is effective?

- A. Decreased creatinine clearance and increased BUN
- B. Increased creatinine clearance and decreased BUN
- C. Decreased viral load and increased CD4 cell count
- D. Increased viral load and decreased CD4 cell count

ANS: C

See Indications and Nursing Implications/Lab, Evaluation/Desired Outcomes for abacavir: Abacavir is an antiretroviral used in combination with other drugs to manage HIV infection. The therapeutic action of abacavir is to slow the progression of HIV infection. The effectiveness of abacavir can be determined by a decreased viral load and an increased CD4 cell count.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Ziagen (abacavir)

REF: Pages 95-96

102. When taking Catapres (clonidine), which of the following exercise activities should be avoided?

A. Weight lifting

B. Squat thrusts

C. Bicycling

D. Jogging

ANS: B

See Indications, and Patient Family Teaching for Clonidine: Clonidine is an antihypertensive. People taking clonidine should avoid activities that require sudden change in body positions because of risk for orthostatic hypotension. Squat thrusts require a person to go from an upright erect position to a squat with the legs extended and return to an upright position in a fluid motion.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Catapres (clonidine)

REF: Pages 332-334

103. What is the proper action to prepare for the administration of Pulmicort Respules?

A. Attach medication to a spacer.

B. Place medication in a nebulizer equipped with a mouthpiece or face mask.

C. Rotate diskus unit to proper dose prior to dispensing medication.

D. Shake medication vigorously to mix medication.

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications and Patient Family Teaching for Pulmicort Respules: Pulmicort Respules are administered through a nebulizer. Wash face after use of face mask.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Pulmicort Respules (budesonide)

REF: Pages 357-358

104. What should the nurse communicate to the patient when teaching the proper technique for administration of two simultaneous doses of beclomethasone?

- A. Allow at least 1 min between inhalations.
- B. Allow at least 5 min between inhalations.
- C. Take second dose immediately following the first dose.
- D. Rinse mouth between doses.

ANS: A

See Implementation for Corticosteroids (nasal)/beclomethasone: Beclomethasone is an inhaled corticosteroid used for those with asthma. Inhaled doses of corticosteroids should be spaced by at least 1 min.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Beclomethasone

REF: Page 361 and Appendix D

105. What is the proper administration when an inhaled corticosteroid and a bronchodilator are scheduled for the same time frame?

- A. Take the corticosteroid, allow 1 min to elapse, and then take the bronchodilator.
- B. Take bronchodilator, allow 1 min to elapse, and then take the corticosteroid.
- C. Take the corticosteroid, allow 5 min to elapse, and then take the bronchodilator.
- D. Take bronchodilator, allow 5 min to elapse, and then take the corticosteroid.

ANS: D

See Patient/Family Teaching for corticosteroids inhalation route: When taking inhaled corticosteroids and bronchodilators, the bronchodilator should be administered first. Allow 5 min to elapse and then administer the corticosteroid.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Corticosteroids and Bronchodilators

REF: Page 355

106. The nurse on the hospice unit receives an order to administer fentanyl via a transmucosal route. Which of the following actions will the nurse take?

- A. Place under the tongue and allow to dissolve.
- B. Place between the cheek and lower gum moving it back and forth from one side to another.

- C. Place between the cheek and gum and allow to dissolve.
- D. Rub on tongue, instruct patient to move tongue in the mouth and then swallow.

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications/Patient Family Teaching for transmucosal fentanyl: The administration of transmucosal fentanyl, available as Actiq, should be placed between the cheek and lower gum moving it from one side to another using the handle of the applicator. The medication is consumed by sucking on the applicator over a period of 15 min or longer. The patient should not chew or swallow the medication.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Actiq (fentanyl)

REF: Pages 557-558

107. Intramuscular iron dextran should be administered in which site?

- A. Deltoid
- B. Dorsogluteal
- C. Ventrogluteal
- D. Vastus lateralis

ANS: C

See Implementation for Iron dextran: Iron dextran is administered via intramuscular injection and should be given into the ventrogluteal site because it may permanently stain the skin. It should be injected deeply into the tissue using a Z track method. To decrease the staining of subcutaneous tissue, the needle should be changed between withdrawal of the medication prior to injection. The dorsogluteal site is not recommended because of risk for sciatic nerve injury.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Iron dextran

REF: Pages 709-711

108. Which of the following laboratory values requires the closest monitoring with isoniazid therapy?

- A. CBC
- B. AST and ALT
- C. BUN and Cr
- D. HbA1c and glucose

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications/Assessment/labs for isoniazid: AST and ALT are associated with liver function tests. Isoniazid is an antitubercular medication used for the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis. This

medication is primarily metabolized and excreted by the liver. Isoniazid should be used cautiously in those with liver disease or chronic alcoholism. Liver function tests must be evaluated prior to and monthly throughout therapy for drug-induced hepatitis.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: INH (isoniazid)

REF: Page 716

109. When taking Lunesta (eszopiclone), the following instructions should be followed.

- A. Take at the same time every morning.
- B. Take 1 hr before meals.
- C. Take with food.
- D. Take immediately before going to bed.

ANS: D

See Indications and Nursing Implications/Implementation for Lunesta: given for the treatment of insomnia. Because of its rapid onset, Lunesta should be taken immediately before going to bed and during a time frame that allows for at least 8 hr of sleep. To maximize effectiveness, Lunesta should not be taken with a high-fat or heavy meal.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Lunesta (eszopiclone)

REF: Page 532

110. Which cranial nerve needs to be routinely evaluated while a person is receiving Vancomycin?

- A. I
- B. II
- C. IV
- D. VIII
- E. XII

ANS: D

See Nursing Implications/Assessment for Vancomycin: The eighth cranial nerve must be monitored during use of Vancomycin because of risk for permanent hearing loss. Vancomycin is an anti-infective.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Vancomycin

REF: Page 1247

111. Which drug is used in the treatment of scurvy?

- A. Ascorbic acid
- B. Polyethylene glycol
- C. Kava-kava
- D. Valerian

ANS: A

See Indications for Ascorbic acid (Vitamin C). Ascorbic Acid is administered as a nutritional supplement and in the treatment of vitamin C deficiency as seen with scurvy.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Ascorbic acid

REF: Drugguide.com

112. For chondroitin to be effective it should be taken:

- A. As needed
- B. Once a week
- C. Once a month
- D. For an extended period of time

ANS: D

See Patient/Family Teaching for Chondroitin: Chondroitin helps to build bone cartilage and is often taken in conjunction with glucosamine. In order for chondroitin to be effective, it should be taken consistently for an extended period of time.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Chondroitin

REF: Drugguide.com

113. Mrs. Lawson, a 2nd-grade teacher, tells the school nurse that she has started taking echinacea so that she will not get sick this school year. What is the nurse's best response?

- A. "That is terrific. I think you will notice a big difference in how you feel."
- B. "Echinacea should only be taken when you feel symptoms of a cold starting."
- C. "It is best to get a therapeutic level of echinacea before being exposed to sick children."

D. "Are you taking vitamin C as well, because echinacea needs to be taken in conjunction with vitamin C?"

ANS: B

Echinacea is an herbal supplement used to ward off the severity of bacterial and viral infections by stimulating the immune system. It should be taken only when the symptoms of a cold appear. It should not be taken as a preventative and should not be used for more than 10–14 days. Using echinacea for more than 8 weeks may generate an overstimulation of the immune system and cause immunosuppression.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Drug: Echinacea

REF: Page 1331

114. A young man with an allergy to sulfa was recently diagnosed with ulcerative colitis. What medication is he likely to receive?

- A. Bactrim
- B. Dipentum
- C. Glyburide
- D. Sulfasalazine

ANS: B

See Indications and action for Dipentum (olsalazine): Dipentum is a gastrointestinal anti-inflammatory used in the treatment of ulcerative colitis for those who have an allergy to sulfa. Sulfasalazine is frequently the drug of choice for the treatment of ulcerative colitis but cannot be used in this scenario because of the allergy to sulfa.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Drug: Dipentum (olsalazine)

REF: Page 938

115. The nurse is counseling a 55-year-old woman who is to begin taking Fosamax (alendronate) to prevent osteoporosis. Which of the following instructions by the nurse is best?

- A. Instruct the patient to take each dose with breakfast.
- B. Instruct the patient to take each dose on an empty stomach.
- C. Instruct the patient to take each dose with orange juice.
- D. Instruct the patient to take each dose just prior to bedtime.

ANS: B

See Patient/Family Teaching for alendronate. The medication should be taken first thing in the morning, 30 min before any other medications, beverages, or food. Waiting longer than 30 min will improve absorption. Alendronate should be taken with 6–8 oz of plain water (mineral water, orange juice, coffee, and other beverages decrease absorption).

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Bone resorption inhibitors

REF: Pages 122-123

116. A 26-year-old female prescribed Axert (almotriptan) for use with migraine headache attacks, calls the nurse, stating, "I took a home pregnancy test last week and I know I'm pregnant but I haven't seen the doctor yet. I have a terrible migraine starting and I don't know what I should do." Which of the following statements by the nurse is best?

- A. "When was your last menstrual cycle?"
- B. "It is usually safe to take medications early in a pregnancy."
- C. "What other migraine treatments have worked in the past?"
- D. "You should not take Axert if you think you are pregnant."

ANS: D

See Patient/Family Teaching for almotriptan. A female patient should not use almotriptan if she is pregnant, suspects she is pregnant, plans to become pregnant, or is breastfeeding.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Vascular headache suppressants

REF: Page 129

117. The nurse is caring for a 72-year-old woman admitted for a cerebral vascular accident who has dysphasia with orders to follow a diet of pureed foods. The patient takes Xanax (alprazolam) 0.5 mg TID. Which of the following actions by the nurse is best?

- A. Crush the medication and administer it in pudding.
- B. Hold the medication.
- C. Contact the physician.
- D. Give the medication with a small sip of water.

ANS: A

See Implementation for alprazolam. Tablets may be crushed and taken with food or fluids if patient has difficulty swallowing.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antianxiety agents

REF: Page 131



118. The nurse is caring for a patient receiving AlternaGEL (aluminum hydroxide) every 2 hr while awake for the treatment of a peptic ulcer. For which of the following side effects should the nurse monitor?

- A. Constipation
- B. Headache
- C. Insomnia
- D. Sedation

ANS: A

See Adverse Reactions/Side effects for aluminum hydroxide. Constipation is the most common side effect with this medication.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiulcers

REF: Page 132

119. While admitting a client with a history of osteoporosis, the nurse notes a physician's order reading, "Acetaminophen extra strength (500 mg), two tabs every 8 hr as needed for pain." Which of the following actions by the nurse is best?

- A. Call the physician to question the total daily dose.
- B. Call the pharmacy to verify that this is a safe dose.
- C. Transcribe the order as written.
- D. Schedule the pain medication TID to maximize pain control.

ANS: C

See Route/Dosage for acetaminophen. This order should be transcribed as written. Since it is a safe daily dose, there is no reason to question the safety of the order unless hepatic or renal insufficiency is suspected. Nurses cannot alter physician's orders, and since this is written as a prn order, it cannot be scheduled TID. PO (adults and children greater than 12 yrs): 325–650 mg q 4–6 hr or 1 g 3–4 times daily or 1,300 mg q 8 hr (not to exceed 4 g or 2.5 g/24 hr in patients with hepatic/renal impairment).

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antipyretics, Nonopioid analgesics

REF: Page 102

120. The nurse is caring for a patient with a long history of asthma. Which of the following medications should the nurse question?

- A. Inderal (propranolol)
- B. Proventil (albuterol)
- C. Serevent (salmeterol)
- D. Pulmacort (budesonide)

ANS: A

See Contraindications propranolol. Beta blockers (lol) are contraindicated in the presence of pulmonary disease including asthma due to the potential interaction with beta receptors in the pulmonary tissue.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-anginals, Antiarrhythmics, Antihypertensives

REF: Page 1059

121. The nurse is counseling a patient who is to start taking Norvasc (amlodipine) for hypertension. The nurse recognizes that further teaching is required by which of the following statements?

- A. "I need to call the doctor if my pulse is less than 50 beats in a minute."
- B. "I'll get up slowly since I may be a little dizzy if I get up too fast."
- C. "It is important that I take this medication on an empty stomach."
- D. "I need to check with the doctor before taking any new over-the-counter cold medicines."

ANS: C

See Implementation and Patient/Family Teaching for amlodipine. Norvasc may be administered without regard to meals. Caution patient to change positions slowly to minimize orthostatic hypotension. Instruct patient to contact health-care professional if heart rate is less than 50 bpm. Instruct patient to avoid concurrent use of alcohol or OTC medications, especially cold preparations, without consulting a health-care professional.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antihypertensives

REF: Page 148

122. The nurse is providing care to a 9-year-old boy admitted with a broken tibia. The child takes Adderall XR 20 mg/day. The physician has prescribed Meperidine 25 mg IM every 4 hr as needed for pain. Which of the following actions by the nurse is best?

- A. Give the Meperidine if the child complains of pain.
- B. Hold the Meperidine and contact the physician.
- C. Notify the charge nurse.
- D. Hold the Adderall.

ANS: B

See Interactions for amphetamine mixtures. The Meperidine must be held since use of Adderall XR with MAO inhibitors or Meperidine can result in hypertensive crisis.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Central nervous system stimulants

REF: Page 153

123. While providing peri-care for a patient receiving multiple intravenous antibiotics, the nurse notes that the patient's groin folds and peri-area are red, inflamed, and excoriated and that whitish discharge is

noted from the vagina. When contacting the physician to report the patient's condition, which of the following medications would the nurse anticipate being ordered?

- A. Neomycin ointment
- B. Monistat cream
- C. Calamine lotion
- D. Hydrocortisone cream

ANS: B

See Indications for Antifungals vaginal: Monistat (miconazole) is given for the treatment of vulvovaginal candidiasis, and the patient is both at risk for and has signs of a yeast infection.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antifungals (Vaginal)

REF: Page 177

124. A client calls the nurse at 2 p.m. stating, "I forgot to take my Tenormin (atenolol) at 8 a.m. like I usually do. Should I take it now?" Which of the following responses by the nurse is best?

- A. "It would be best to simply take two pills tomorrow."
- B. "No, too much time has gone by so just skip that dose."
- C. "Yes, it is important to take the medication each day."
- D. "Why did you forget to take it today?"

ANS: C

See Patient/Family Teaching for atenolol. Atenolol should be taken as directed at the same time each day, even if feeling well; do not skip or double up on missed doses. Take missed doses as soon as possible up to 8 hr before next dose. Abrupt withdrawal may cause life-threatening arrhythmias, hypertension, or myocardial ischemia. Atenolol is typically given in daily doses. It is not important to determine why the patient forgot the missed dose.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antihypertensives

REF: Pages 198

125. While reviewing medications for a patient with multiple sclerosis, the student nurse recognizes that Lioresal (baclofen) is given for which the following symptoms?

- A. Depression
- B. Anxiety
- C. Muscle spasticity
- D. Headache

ANS: C

See Indications for baclofen. Baclofen is used in the treatment of reversible spasticity due to multiple sclerosis or spinal cord lesions.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antispasticity agents, Skeletal muscle relaxants  
REF: Page 215

126. The nurse is caring for a patient with ulcerative colitis. New orders are received for Anaflex (salsalate) orally TID. The nurse recognizes the patient cannot receive this drug due to an allergy to which of the following?

- A. Meperidine
- B. Sulfa
- C. Penicillin
- D. Aspirin

ANS: D

See Contraindications/Precautions for salicylates. Anaflex is a salicylate that is contraindicated in patients with hypersensitivity to aspirin, tartrazine (FDC yellow dye #5), or other salicylates. Patients should be assessed for allergy to salicylates.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Salicylates

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127. The nurse is caring for a patient with bronchitis and prepares to provide Tessalon pearls (benzonatate) as ordered. The patient states, "I don't think I've had this before. What is it for?" Which of the following responses by the nurse is best?

- A. "This helps thin the mucus so it is easier for you to cough it up."
- B. "It is a cough suppressant and will help reduce your coughing."
- C. "This helps dilate the small airways in your lungs to help you breathe."
- D. "It is a muscle relaxer so you can rest more comfortably."

ANS: B

See Action for benzonatate: Tessalon anesthetizes cough or stretch receptors in vagal nerve afferent fibers found in lungs, pleura, and respiratory passages. It may also decrease transmission of the cough reflex centrally. Therapeutic Effects: Decrease in cough.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Allergy, cold, and cough remedies

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128. While counseling a patient who takes Dulcolax (bisacodyl) for constipation, the nurse recognizes that further teaching is required by which of the following statements?

- A. "I try not to take it very often, but when I need it, it sure helps."
- B. "If I take it at night, I can usually have a bowel movement in the morning."
- C. "They told me it was important not to strain when I move my bowels."
- D. "I usually drink about three cups of water or coffee every day; I don't like milk or juice."

ANS: D

See Patient/Family Teaching for bisacodyl. It is important for clients to consume 1,500–2,000 mL of fluid each day. One cup is 240 mL, so this patient is not drinking sufficient quantities of fluid. The use of laxatives should be limited. Colace may be administered at bedtime for morning results. Instruct patients with cardiac disease to avoid straining during bowel movements.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Laxatives

REF: Page 229

129. A neighbor reports giving her 3-year-old daughter Pepto Bismol (bismuth subsalicylate) for diarrhea stools for the past 2 days. Which of the following statements by the nurse is the highest priority?

- A. "Has your child had a fever during this illness?"
- B. "Is the diarrhea better now?"
- C. "Has she had diarrhea before?"
- D. "What does she think of the taste of that stuff?"

ANS: A

See Patient/Family Teaching for bismuth subsalicylates. It is important to determine if the child has a febrile illness since this product contains aspirin and it has been associated with Reye syndrome. Individuals with diarrhea need to notify a health-care professional if diarrhea lasts more than 2 days or is accompanied by a fever. It will be important to determine if the child is improving, but that is not the highest priority. Determining if the child has had diarrhea in the past will not clarify the current concern, nor is the child's preference for the medication important.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidiarrheals, Antiulcer agents

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130. The nurse is providing care to a patient with congestive heart failure who is taking Digoxin (lanoxin) and bumetanide. Which of the following statements indicates teaching has been effective?

- A. "I need to restrict my intake of salt and potassium while I'm on these medications."
- B. "The bumetanide can increase my risk of digoxin overdose, so I should call the doctor if I have any nausea, vomiting, confusion, or muscle cramps."
- C. "I need to hold both medications if the top number of my blood pressure is less than 140."
- D. "These medications help my heart beat faster so I won't feel so tired all the time."

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications for bumetanide. Assess patients receiving digoxin for anorexia, nausea, vomiting, muscle cramps, paresthesia, and confusion ↑ risk of digoxin toxicity due to the potassium-depleting effect of diuretic. Potassium supplements or potassium-sparing diuretics may be used concurrently to prevent hypokalemia. Patients taking lanoxin need to monitor pulse rate. The medications are given to improve cardiac output and reduce fluid overload; they are not intended to make the heart beat faster.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Diuretics (bumetadine) and cardiac glycosides (lanoxin)

REF: Page 246

131. The nurse is assisting in the care of a 28-year-old woman who has been seen by a psychologist for depression. The woman is interested in starting treatment with Wellbutrin XR (bupropion). Which of the following factors would indicate this plan should be questioned?

- A. The patient smokes a pack of cigarettes each day.
- B. The patient is currently taking birth control pills.
- C. The patient has a history of hypertension
- D. The patient has a history of seizures.

ANS: D

See Contraindications/Precautions for bupropion. Extreme caution should be exercised in patients with a history of seizures. Wellbutrin XR can be used for smoking cessation, so there are no precautions necessary due to smoking. No contraindication for birth control pills or antihypertensives is listed.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidepressants, Smoking deterrents

REF: Page 253

132. The nurse is counseling a patient who will begin taking buspirone. Which of the following statements indicates further teaching is required?

- A. "I might feel dizzy or sleepy with this medication."
- B. "I shouldn't drive until I know how I'm going to respond to this medication."
- C. "It's all right to take most over-the-counter medications and things with this medication."
- D. "I should avoid alcohol or other medications that depress my nervous system."

ANS: C

See Patient/Family Teaching for buspirone. Advise patient to consult a health-care professional before taking OTC medications or herbal products with this drug. It may cause dizziness or drowsiness. Caution patient to avoid driving or other activities requiring alertness until response to the medication is known. Advise patient to avoid concurrent use of alcohol or other CNS depressants.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis/Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antianxiety agents

REF: Page 258

133. The nurse is providing care for a patient who received Busulfex (busulfan) 2 weeks ago for chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML). Which of the following lab results would be most concerning to the nurse?

- A.  $\text{Ca}^{++} = 5.1 \text{ mg/dL}$
- B. Glucose = 98

- C. LDH = 120 IU/L  
D. Platelets = 84,000/mm<sup>3</sup>

ANS: D

See Nursing Implications for busulfan. High Alert: Monitor for bone marrow depression. Assess for bleeding (bleeding gums, bruising, petechiae, guaiac stools, urine, or emesis). Institute thrombocytopenia precautions if platelet count is less than 150,000/mm<sup>3</sup>. The nonhematological values are within normal limits.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antineoplastics agents

REF: Page 259

134. The nurse is providing care for a woman who is in labor and is requesting something for pain. The order reads, "Stadol (butorphanol) 2 mg every 4 hr as needed." Which of the following assessments should the nurse complete prior to providing the medication?

- A. Cervical dilation
- B. Respiratory rate
- C. Contraction rate
- D. Capillary refill

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications for butorphanol. Assess blood pressure, pulse, and respirations before and periodically during administration. If respiratory rate is less than 10 breaths/min, assess level of sedation.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Opioid analgesics

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135. The nurse is caring for a patient diagnosed with hypocalcaemia related to cancer. Which of the following medications would the nurse anticipate being ordered?

- A. Roloids (calcium carbonate)
- B. Miacalcin (calcitonin)
- C. Capsin (capsaicin)
- D. Norvasc (nifedipine)

ANS: B

See Implications for calcitonin. Miacalcin is used as adjunct therapy in the treatment of hypocalcemia.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Hypocalcemics

REF: Page 265

136. A 38-year-old woman asks the nurse, "Can I just use Tums (calcium carbonate) to help prevent osteoporosis?" Which of the following responses by the nurse is best?

- A. "Tums are really an antacid, so there isn't any research to support their use that way."
- B. "You can use them that way, but they aren't very effective."
- C. "Did your doctor tell you to start taking a calcium supplement?"
- D. "It is safe to use them as a calcium supplement, but make sure you're getting enough vitamin D as well."

ANS: D

See Patient/Family Teaching for Calcium Salts. Calcium carbonate is indicated for calcium supplementation, but patients should be instructed to get sufficient amounts of vitamin D in their diet.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Mineral and electrolyte replacements/supplements

REF: Page 269

137. The nurse recognizes that which of the following medications ordered for a patient may help reduce skeletal muscle spasms?

- A. Tagamet (cimetidine)
- B. Reglan (metoclopramide)
- C. Soma (carisoprodol)
- D. Tegretol (carbamazepine)

ANS: C

See Indications for carisoprodol. Adjunct to rest and physical therapy in the treatment of muscle spasm associated with acute painful musculoskeletal conditions.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Skeletal muscles relaxants

REF: Page 286

138. The nurse is preparing to pass morning medications, including newly prescribed Coreg (carvedilol), for a patient admitted with an acute myocardial infarction and congestive heart failure. Which of the following actions should the nurse take first?

- A. Check to make sure the medication has been delivered from pharmacy.
- B. Take the patient's blood pressure.
- C. Monitor the patient's respiratory rate and rhythm.
- D. Determine the patient's level of pain.

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications for carvedilol. Coreg is an antihypertensive. The nurse must monitor patient pulse and blood pressure frequently during dose adjustments.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antihypertensives



REF: Pages 288-289

139. The nurse is caring for a patient with rheumatoid arthritis who takes Celebrex (celecoxib). The patient is on a pureed diet, and the nurse from the previous shift reported some difficulty with oral pills. Which of the following actions by the nurse is best?

- A. Hold the medication.
- B. Call the pharmacy to obtain a substitute medication that comes in liquid form.
- C. Call the physician to request a different pain medication.
- D. Open the capsule and sprinkle granules on applesauce.

ANS: D

See Implementation for celecoxib. Capsules may be opened and sprinkled on applesauce.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antirheumatics; nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents

REF: Page 299

140. The nurse caring for a patient taking Zyrtec (cetirizine) recognizes the treatment plan is effective by which of the following statements?

- A. "I don't feel nearly as tired as I used to feel."
- B. "I am able to sleep at least 6 or 7 hr every night now."
- C. "My eyes itch less and I'm not sneezing as often."
- D. "My heartburn has essentially gone away."

ANS: C

See Evaluation for cetirizine. Patients taking Zyrtec expect to receive relief from seasonal allergy symptoms.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Allergy, cold, and cough remedies, Antihistamines

REF: Page 317

141. A nurse caring for a patient who recently started taking Pletal (cilostazol) recognizes the further need for teaching by which of the following statements?

- A. "I'm able to walk three blocks a day now instead of one."
- B. "I take the medication with breakfast every day."
- C. "I've given up grapefruit juice and grapefruits entirely."
- D. "I've stopped smoking all together."

ANS: B

See Nursing Implications for cilostazol. Cilostazol is given to reduce the symptoms of intermittent claudication and improve walking endurance. It is taken on an empty stomach, 1 hr before or 2 hr after meals and should not be taken with grapefruit juice to avoid increased cilostazol levels.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiplatelet agents

REF: Page 320

142. The nurse recognizes that Celexa (citalopram) may be prescribed for which of the following patients?

- A. A 42-year-old patient with a history of depression
- B. A 22-year-old patient with a history of schizophrenia
- C. A 37-year-old patient taking MAO inhibitors
- D. A 55-year-old patient with a history of alcoholism

ANS: A

See Indications for citalopram. Celexa is used in the treatment of depression. It may cause serious, potentially fatal reactions when used with MAO inhibitors and should be used cautiously with other centrally acting drugs including alcohol.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidepressants

REF: Page 324

143. The nurse is taking a medication history over the phone for a patient scheduled for knee replacement in 3 days. Which of the following medications, if reported by the patient, should be reported to the surgeon?

- A. Zantac (ranitidine)
- B. Proventil (albuterol)
- C. Lotrimin (clotrimazole)
- D. Klonopin (clonazepam)

ANS: D

Feedback: See Patient/Family Education for clonazepam. Klonopin is an anticonvulsant that cannot be stopped abruptly. It is important to notify health-care professionals of medication regimen prior to treatment or surgery.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anticonvulsants

REF: Page 332

144. The nurse is providing care for a patient taking Plavix (clopidogrel). Which of the following laboratory results would be most important for the nurse to evaluate?

- A. Urine-specific gravity
- B. Albumin

- C. Bleeding time
- D. Potassium

ANS: C

See Nursing Assessment for clopidogrel. Plavix is an antiplatelet medication, so it is important to monitor bleeding time throughout therapy.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension/Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiplatelet agents

REF: Pages 335-336

145. The nurse is caring for a patient admitted with suspected overdose with Codeine. Which of the following medications would the nurse anticipate being ordered?

- A. Pamelor (nortriptyline)
- B. Narcan (naloxone)
- C. Naprosyn (naproxen)
- D. Nicobid (niacin)

ANS: B

See Indications for naloxone, and/or Nursing Implications/Toxicity Overdose for Codeine. Codeine is a narcotic, and Narcan is an antidote for narcotic overdose.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidotes (narcotic)

REF: Page 341 | Page 890

146. A patient undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer tells the nurse, "I feel so tired I can barely do anything. Even getting out of bed makes me dizzy." After laboratory results are obtained, which of the following medications would most likely help relieve these symptoms?

- A. Aranesp (darbepoetin)
- B. Neupogen (filgrastim)
- C. Kytril (granisetron)
- D. Plavix (clopidrogel)

ANS: A

See Indications for darbepoetin, filgrastim, granisetron, and clopidrogel. The patient is exhibiting symptoms associated with anemia, which is common with chemotherapy. Aranesp is one of the erythroid colony-stimulating factors designed to stimulate production of red blood cells and improve symptoms associated with chemotherapy-induced anemia.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antianemics

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147. The nurse is caring for a patient who just received parenteral Valium (diazepam). Which of the following nursing actions is best?

- A. Monitor patient's serum calcium levels for the next 12 hr.
- B. Ensure fluid intake of 3,000 mL over the next 24 hr.
- C. Place patient on bed rest and monitor vital signs closely.
- D. Call for a hypothermia blanket to prevent rigors.

ANS: C

See Nursing Implications for diazepam. Parenteral therapy with Valium may alter vital signs or cause sedation, increasing the patient's risk for falls. Patient should be kept on bed rest and observed for at least 3 hr following parenteral administration. Valium will not alter serum calcium levels, induce diuresis, or alter core temperature.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antianxiety agents, Anticonvulsants, Sedative/hypnotics, Skeletal muscle relaxants

REF: Pages 425-426

148. The nurse is caring for a 56-year-old patient with a history of atrial fibrillation who takes Lanoxin (digoxin) 0.5 mg/day. Which of the following assessments should cause the nurse to hold the patient's dose?

- A. BP = 112/70 mmHg
- B. Lung sounds with fine bibasilar crackles
- C. Urine output = 300 mL in 3 hr
- D. P = 58 bpm

ANS: D

See Nursing Assessment for digoxin. Monitor apical pulse for 1 full min before administering. Withhold dose and notify physician if pulse rate is less than 60 bpm in an adult.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiarrhythmics, Inotropics

REF: Page 432

149. A nurse working with a patient who started taking Bentyl (dicyclomine) recognizes that patient further teaching is necessary by which of the following statements?

- A. "I'll call the doctor immediately if I have any eye pain or sensitivity to light."
- B. "I won't have any restrictions on my driving or other activities if I take this drug."
- C. "I will get up slowly since this medication may make me dizzy."
- D. "People who take this medication sweat less, so it is important not to get overheated."

ANS: B

See Patient/Family Teaching for dicyclomine. Advise patient to notify a health-care professional immediately if eye pain or increased sensitivity to light occurs. Medication may cause drowsiness and blurred vision. Caution patient to avoid driving or other activities requiring alertness until response to the

medication is known. Advise patient receiving dicyclomine to make position changes slowly to minimize the effects of drug-induced orthostatic hypotension. Caution patient to avoid extremes of temperature. This medication decreases the ability to sweat and may increase the risk of heat stroke.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antispasmodics

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150. The nurse receives a call from the parent of an 8-year-old boy who is home sick from school with a headache, sinus congestion, and a cough. The parent asks, "Can I give him some Benadryl to help him breathe easier?" Which of the following statements by the nurse is best?

- A. "How long has your child been ill?"
- B. "It should be fine if he weighs more than 50 pounds."
- C. "What other over-the-counter medications have you given him?"
- D. "That might make him sleepy, so it is best to give it at night."

ANS: C

See Patient/Family Teaching on diphenhydramine. Benadryl has many uses and can be safely given to children, but it is found in numerous OTC medications and risk of overdose may be present. Therefore, it is important to know what other medications the parent has given. Caution patient not to use oral OTC diphenhydramine products with any other product containing diphenhydramine. The other assessments are not as important, and ANS B misses the opportunity to assess for potential overdose.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Allergy, cold, cough remedies, Antihistamines, Antitussives

REF: Page 444

151. The nurse is caring for a patient admitted with diarrhea for the past 3 days. Stool cultures are negative, and the physician orders Lomotil, two tablets orally now and one tablet after each loose stool OR every 3–4 hr as needed. Which of the following parameters would the nurse expect to accompany the order?

- A. "Do not exceed 8 tablets per day."
- B. "Do not exceed 4 doses per day."
- C. "Do not give for more than 2 days."
- D. No parameters are necessary.

ANS: A

See Dosage for diphenoxylate. PO (adults): 2 tablets initially, then 1 tablet after each loose stool, or every 3–4 hr as needed (not to exceed 8 tablets/day).

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidiarrheals

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152. The nurse is providing care for a patient who received surgical intervention for mitral valve prolapse. The patient is taking Persantine (dipyridamole) 75 mg po TID. The nurse recognizes the medication is effective by which of the following patient outcomes?

- A. Patient reports chest pain is less after receiving the medication.
- B. Patient remains free from deep vein thrombosis throughout hospital stay.
- C. Patient's heart rhythm is regular without ectopic beats for 48 hr postprocedure.
- D. Patient's lung sounds remain clear without evidence of fluid overload throughout hospital stay.

ANS: B

See Indications for dipyridamole. Persantine is given to prevent thromboembolism in patients with prosthetic heart valves.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiplatelet agents

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153. The nurse is providing care for a patient admitted after an acute myocardial infarction. Which of the following medications should the nurse anticipate to be part of the patient's treatment plan?

- A. Anzemet (dolasetron)
- B. Celexa (citalopram)
- C. Aricept (donepezil)
- D. Colace (docusate)

ANS: D

See Indications for docusate. It is important to prevent additional strain on the heart during recovery. Docusate is used in the prevention constipation (in patients who should avoid straining, such as after a myocardial infarction or rectal surgery). Anzemet is an antiemetic used to prevent chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, Celexa is used in the treatment of depression, and Aricept is used to improve cognition and slow Alzheimer's disease.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Laxative

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154. A nurse in the labor and delivery unit is caring for a patient who is receiving Marcaine (bupivacaine) epidural anesthesia. Which of the following symptoms would be recognized as indicative of systemic toxicity?

- A. BP drops from 112/74 to 106/68.
- B. Patient complains, "I can't feel the baby moving anymore."
- C. Patient reports, "I can hear ringing in my ears."
- D. Respiratory rate drops from 22 to 16 respirations per minute.

ANS: C

See Nursing Implications for Epidural local anesthetics, Systemic Toxicity: Assess for systemic toxicity each shift (circumoral tingling and numbness, ringing in ears, metallic taste, dizziness, blurred vision, tremors, slow speech, irritability, twitching, seizures, and cardiac dysrhythmias). Report to physician or other health-care professional. Mild hypotension is common. Respirations will most likely slow as pain is well controlled.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Epidural local anesthetics

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155. While counseling a patient receiving Inspra (eplerenone) for hypertension, the nurse recognizes the need for further teaching by which of the following statements?

- A. "I'll follow a cardiac diet to help lower my blood pressure."
- B. "It is important that I stop smoking to reduce my risk of a heart attack."
- C. "I can use salt substitutes if I want more seasoning."
- D. "It is important to check my blood pressure at home at least once a week."

ANS: C

See Patient/Family Teaching for eplerenone. Inform patient not to use potassium supplements, salt substitutes containing potassium, or other Rx or OTC medications without consulting a health-care professional. Encourage the patient to comply with additional interventions for hypertension (weight reduction, discontinuation of smoking, moderation of alcohol consumption, regular exercise, and stress management). Medication controls, but does not cure, hypertension. Instruct patient and family on correct technique for monitoring blood pressure. Advise them to monitor blood pressure at least weekly.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antihypertensives

REF: Page 509

156. A nurse working on the postpartum unit is caring for a woman who had a spontaneous delivery of a 9 lb, 6 oz baby 6 hr earlier. The nurse notes the patient has soaked four peri-pads and that her uterine fundus is boggy. Which of the following medications does the nurse anticipate being ordered?

- A. Pitocin (oxytocin)
- B. Methylergonovine (methergine)
- C. Brethine (terbutaline)
- D. Magnesium sulfate (magnesium sulfate)

ANS: B

See Indications for Methylergonovine. Methylergonovine is used in the prevention and treatment of postpartum or postabortion hemorrhage caused by uterine atony or involution.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Oxytocics

REF: Page 838

157. The nurse is working with a patient who has elevated triglyceride levels despite dietary changes. The physician has ordered TriLipix (fenofibric acid) 135 mg per day. Which of the following statements should the nurse include in the teaching?

- A. "Since I take Coumadin, I'll need to have my bleeding labs checked more frequently for a while."
- B. "This will be much easier than following all of those dietary restrictions; I know how hard that can be."
- C. "This medicine will really help you lose weight, just be sure you're drinking enough water."
- D. "This medicine sometimes causes stomach pain and fatty, clay-colored stools, so if I experience that, I shouldn't worry."

ANS: A

See Nursing Implications for fenofibric acid. Patients taking anticoagulants concurrently should have prothrombin time and INR monitored frequently until levels stabilize. Patients must still follow a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet. The medication is not designed to cause weight loss. Assess patient for cholethiasis. If symptoms occur, gall bladder studies are indicated; fatty, clay-colored stools, and abdominal pain are symptoms of gall bladder dysfunction.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Lipid-lowering agents

REF: Page 553

158. A nurse working in hospice is providing care for a patient recently started on a transdermal fentanyl patch. Which of the following statements, made by the patient's caretaker, indicates further teaching is required?

- A. "I can wash right over the patch, and it won't come off."
- B. "I should change the patch every 3 days."
- C. "I put the first patch on him this morning at 8 a.m., so he shouldn't need any more pain medicine today."
- D. "The medicine can cause constipation, so it is important to give him the stool softener and increase fluid if possible."

ANS: C

See Dosage and Nursing Implications for fentanyl transdermal. It is important to use supplemental doses of short-acting opioid analgesics to manage pain until relief is obtained with the transdermal system. The patch may be worn while bathing, showering, or swimming. Transdermal patches lasts 72 hr in most patients. Prevent constipation with increased intake of fluids and bulk as well as laxatives to minimize constipating effects.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Opioid analgesics

REF: Pages 558-559



159. The nurse is providing a follow-up phone call to a patient who recently started taking Allegra (fexofenadine). Which of the following statements by the patient would indicate the medication has been effective?

- A. "My arthritis is much better; I can even write letters again."
- B. "My nose isn't running and itchy all the time now."
- C. "I don't have to get up to go to the bathroom in the middle of the night anymore."
- D. "I'm sleeping a lot better, and I don't have any headaches anymore."

ANS: B

See Evaluation/Desired Effects for fexofenadine. Allegra is designed to decrease in allergic symptoms.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Cold, cough, and allergy medications

REF: Page 567

160. The nurse is caring for a patient with colorectal cancer who has been receiving continuous infusion chemotherapy at home. The patient complains of mouth sores and difficulty swallowing. Upon exam, the homecare nurse notes a whitish coating on the tongue and mucosal breakdown on the inner cheeks and lips. The nurse informs the patient, "The sores in your mouth are caused by the chemotherapy, but it looks like you may also have a secondary yeast infection in your mouth and throat. I will call the doctor so you can be seen right away." The nurse recognizes which of the following medications will most likely be ordered to treat the esophageal candidiasis once the patient is seen by a physician?

- A. Ditropan XL (oxybutynin)
- B. Fosamax (alendronate)
- C. Fluoroplex (fluorouracil)
- D. Diflucan (fluconazole)

ANS: D

See Indications for alendronate, fluconazole, fluorouracil and oxybutynin. Diflucan is used to treat fungal infections caused by susceptible organisms, including oropharyngeal or esophageal candidiasis. Ditropan XL is used in the management overactive bladder, and alendronate is a bisphosphonate used to decrease bone resorption. Fluorouracil is a chemotherapy agent commonly used in the treatment of colorectal cancer and causes stomatitis—it is most likely what the patient is receiving for his treatment, and it will need to be held at this time with probable dose reduction when treatment resumes.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antifungals (systemic)

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161. The nurse is talking to a friend who recently revealed that she is 6 weeks pregnant. The woman says, "The doctor told me to take prenatal vitamins that have folic acid in them; what is that for?" Which of the following is the best response by the nurse?

- A. "Folic acid helps prevent miscarriage."
- B. "Folic acid boosts your immune system."
- C. "Folic acid actually helps fetal development."

D. "Folic acid reduces the amount of nausea caused by prenatal vitamins."

ANS: C

See Indications for folic acid. Folic acid is given during pregnancy to promote normal fetal development.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antianemics, Vitamins

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162. The nurse is providing care for a 12-year-old child whose order reads, "Ciprofloxacin 15 mg/kg po q 12 hr." The child weighs 88 pounds (40 kg). What dose of Ciprofloxacin should be provided?

A. 500 mg tablet every 12 hr

B. 500 mg tablet and a 100 mg tablet every 12 hr

C. 750 mg tablet every 12 hr

D. Two 500 mg tablets every 12 hr

ANS: B

See Route/Dosage and Availability for fluoroquinolones. Ciprofloxacin dosage for a child is 10–15 mg/kg q 12 hr (not to exceed 750 mg/dose). Tablets are available as 100 mg, 250 mg, 500 mg, and 750 mg. The child's order is 15 mg/kg, and the child weighs 40 kg;  $15 \text{ mg/kg} \times 40 \text{ kg} = 600 \text{ mg}$  per dose.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: ~~Antibiotics~~ Anti-infectives

REF: Page 581

163. While providing care to a 68-year-old man taking Lipid (gemfibrozil), the nurse recognizes that which of the following assessments indicates the medication and treatment plan are effective?

A. The patient has lost 4 pounds this month.

B. The patient's HDL drops from 55 mg/dL to 49 mg/dL.

C. The patient's cholesterol drops from 265 mg/dL to 238 mg/dL.

D. The patient's LDL is 175 mg/dL.

ANS: C

See Evaluation for gemfibrozil. Lipid is given to decrease serum triglyceride and cholesterol levels and to improve HDL to total cholesterol ratios. Weight loss may be seen with low-fat, low-cholesterol dietary restrictions but is not wholly reflective of the medication's efficacy. With HDL (good) cholesterol, higher levels are better. Low HDL cholesterol (less than 40 mg/dL for men, less than 50 mg/dL for women) puts one at higher risk for heart disease. An LDL between 160 and 189 mg/dL is considered high and indicates increased risk for heart disease.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Lipid-lowering agents

REF: Page 615

164. The nurse is providing care for a 54-year-old woman with insulin-dependent diabetes. The woman is pale, diaphoretic, groggy, and difficulty to arouse. Her blood glucose result is 49. Which of the following actions should the nurse take next?

- A. Notify the physician.
- B. Encourage the patient to drink orange juice with a teaspoon of added sugar.
- C. Request a stat lab blood draw and await results.
- D. Provide 1 mg IV glucagon per protocol.

ANS: D

See Indications for glucagon. Glucagon is used in the acute management of severe hypoglycemia with the administration of glucose is not feasible. Because this patient is groggy, it would be dangerous to provide oral fluids. Use of bedside finger stick blood glucose determination methods is recommended for rapid results. Follow-up lab results may be ordered to validate finger stick values, but do not delay treatment while awaiting lab results, as this could result in neurological injury or death.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Hormones

REF: Page616

165. A nurse working in an outpatient psychiatric clinic is assessing a 39-year-old patient with a history of schizophrenia who started taking Haldol (haloperidol) 3 mg po TID last week. Which of the following should be reported to the physician immediately?

- A. The patient is smacking his lips and chewing while the nurse is asking questions.
- B. The patient says, "I heard the angels talking again last night."
- C. The patient reports he is staying at a homeless shelter downtown.
- D. The patient tells the nurse he forgot to bring in his pills but that he needs more.

ANS: A

See Nursing Assessment for haloperidol. Monitor for tardive dyskinesia (uncontrolled rhythmic movement of mouth, face, and extremities; lip smacking or puckering; puffing of cheeks; uncontrolled chewing; rapid or worm-like movements of tongue; and excessive eye blinking). Report these immediately, as they may be irreversible. Hallucinations are a positive sign of schizophrenia and may be seen despite medication since it may require several weeks of therapy to obtain desired effects. Individuals with psychiatric disorders may be homeless; since this patient has housing, this is not the priority. It is important to monitor compliance with the medication schedule and prevent hoarding of pills, but this is not the priority.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antipsychotics

REF: Page 634

166. The nurse is caring for an 82-year-old woman with superior vena cava syndrome due to a clot formed around the patient's implanted port. The patient is on a heparin drip at 12 units/hr. Which of the following laboratory values will be used to titrate the infusion rate?

- A. Hemoglobin (Hgb)

- B. Platelet count (Plt)
- C. Partial thromboplastin time (aPTT)
- D. Clotting time

ANS: C

See Nursing Assessment/Lab Test Considerations for heparin. During continuous administration, monitor aPTT levels every 4 hr during early therapy.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anticoagulants

REF: Page 637

167. The nurse is asked by the parent of a 13-year-old girl, "How does the new cervical cancer vaccine work?" Which of the following statements by the nurse is best?

- A. "It is a series of three vaccinations over a 6-month period of time designed to prevent cervical cancer and genital warts caused by a virus we call human papilloma virus (HPV)."
- B. "Gardasil helps reduce sexually transmitted diseases and female cancers by stimulating an immune response to the herpes virus."
- C. "Your daughter would get a single shot to help prevent cervical, ovarian, and vaginal cancer."
- D. "You should really ask the doctor about the vaccination because it is still controversial."

ANS: A

See Route/Dosage and Indications for the HPV Vaccine. It is given via three 0.5 ml doses at 0, 2, and 6 months. The vaccine is designed to prevent squamous cell cervical cancer, other cervical and vaginal neoplasias, and genital warts related to the HPV. Gardasil will not prevent other sexually transmitted diseases or other "female" cancers such as ovarian, uterine, or breast cancer, and it is not associated with the herpes virus. Three doses (shots) are required for the series. The nurse should be able to answer this parent's questions, and teaching is considered a nursing function.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Vaccines

REF: Page 651

168. A nurse caring for a patient with a history of diabetes mellitus notes that his prebreakfast blood glucose is 268. The nurse understands the patient most likely has sliding scale insulin using which of the following?

- A. Novolog Mix 70/30
- B. Humulin R
- C. Humulin N
- D. Lantus

ANS: B

See Pharmacokinetics for Insulin Regular. Humulin R is short-acting insulin with an onset of action of 30–60 min when given subcutaneously. Novolog 70/30 is mixed insulin with both short- and long-acting insulins. Humulin N is an intermediate-acting insulin. Lantus is a long-acting insulin.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidiabetics, Hormones

REF: Page 693

169. While checking orders for a patient newly admitted with abdominal pain and suspected pancreatitis, the nurse notes the following order, “meperidine 50–100 mg IM q 3–4 hr prn for pain.” Which of the following medications currently taken by the patient would cause the nurse to contact the physician?

- A. Isordil (isosorbide) 20 mg po q 6 hr
- B. Trandate (labetalol) 100 mg BID
- C. Nardil (phenelzine) 15 mg po TID
- D. Indocin (indomethacin) 25 mg po QID

ANS: C

See Interactions for meperidine. Do not use in patients receiving MAO inhibitors or procarbazine (may cause fatal reaction—contraindicated within 14–21 days of MAO inhibitor therapy).

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Opioid analgesic/Monoamine oxidase inhibitors

REF: Pages 814-815

170. The nurse contacts a patient whose physician has ordered Feosol (carbonyl iron) 60 mg BID after routine lab work revealed mild iron-deficiency anemia. Which of the following statements would be included in the patient teaching?

- A. “Since you are taking an iron supplement, you should reduce the amount of iron in your diet to prevent overdose.”
- B. “The iron may make your stool a dark green or black color; this is nothing to worry about.”
- C. “It is alright to take both doses together if you prefer.”
- D. “Iron is fairly harmless, so there is little concern if you take extra when you are on your menstrual cycle.”

ANS: B

See Patient/Family Teaching for Iron Supplements. Advise patient that stools may become dark green or black and that this change is harmless. Instruct patient to follow a diet high in iron. Encourage patient to comply with medication regimen. Take missed doses as soon as remembered within 12 hr; otherwise, return to regular dosing schedule. Do not double doses. Discuss with parents the risk of children overdosing on iron.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antianemics

REF: Page 717

171. The nurse is assisting in the care of a patient complaining of severe pruritis. Which of the following medications does the nurse anticipate being available on an as-needed basis for the patient?

- A. Toradol (ketorolac)
- B. Atarax (hydroxyzine)
- C. Dilaudid (hydromorphone)
- D. Hyzodro ER (hydrocodone)

ANS: B

See Indications for hydroxyzine. Atarax is an antipruritic, Toradol is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory, Dilaudid is an opioid analgesic, and Hyzodro ER is an opioid analgesic, antitussive.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antihistamines

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172. The nurse is caring for a patient being treated for tuberculosis who is taking INH (isoniazid). Which of the following statements indicates the need for further teaching?

- A. "I know I need to take this medication for at least 6 months."
- B. "I need to call the doctor if I notice any yellow color to my skin or eyes."
- C. "I'll have to have regular checkups and eye exams to monitor for side effects."
- D. "I should limit my alcohol intake to no more than 3 beers a day while I'm taking this medicine."

ANS: D

See Patient/Family Teaching for isoniazid. Caution patient to avoid the use of alcohol during this therapy, as this may increase the risk of hepatotoxicity. Emphasize the importance of continuing therapy even after symptoms have subsided. Therapy may be continued for 6 months to 2 years. Advise patient to notify health-care professional promptly if signs and symptoms of hepatitis (yellow eyes and skin, nausea, vomiting, anorexia, dark urine, unusual tiredness, or weakness) or peripheral neuritis (numbness, tingling, or paresthesia) occur. Emphasize the importance of regular follow-up physical and ophthalmological exams to monitor progress and to check for side effects.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antituberculars

REF: Page 716

173. The nurse is providing care for a patient with hepatic encephalopathy who is receiving lactulose via a nasogastric tube QID. Which of the following indicates the patient is responding appropriately to the medication?

- A. The patient's serum ammonia level returns to normal limits.
- B. The patient's potassium level returns to normal limits.
- C. The patient's blood alcohol level returns to normal limits.
- D. The patient's serum calcium level returns to normal limits.

ANS: A

See Action of lactulose. It lowers the pH of the colon, which inhibits the diffusion of ammonia from the colon into the blood, thereby reducing blood ammonia levels.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Laxatives

REF: Page 739

## MULTIPLE RESPONSE

174. As part of a new treatment regimen for migraine headaches, an 18-year-old girl is prescribed Axert (almotriptan). The nurse should include which of the following statements in the patient teaching? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "You will take this medication daily to help prevent the onset of migraines."
- B. "You should avoid alcohol when you are taking this medication."
- C. "You can take this medication every 2–4 hr as needed for up to eight doses per day."
- D. "Take the medication as soon as you notice the onset of a migraine headache."
- E. "Avoid taking over-the-counter medications that have not been prescribed by your doctor while taking this medication."
- F. "If taking this medication causes any pain or tightness in your chest, you should notify the physician immediately."

ANS: B, D, E, F

See Nursing Implications for almotriptan. Instruct the patient to administer almotriptan as soon as symptoms of a migraine attack appear, but it may be administered any time during an attack. If migraine symptoms return, a second dose may be used. Allow at least 2 hr between doses, and do not use more than 2 doses in any 24-hr period. Advise patients to notify health-care professional prior to next dose of almotriptan if pain or tightness in the chest occurs during use. Advise patient to avoid alcohol, which aggravates headaches, during almotriptan use. Advise patient to consult a health-care professional before taking other prescriptions or OTC or herbal products concurrently.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Vascular headache suppressants

REF: Pages 127-128

175. The nurse is providing care for a patient who has new orders to start Pacerone (amiodarone) po 400 mg BID. Which of the following orders should the nurse anticipate? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Monitor vital signs every 4 hr.
- B. Telemetry monitoring.
- C. Liver function tests every morning for the next 3 days.
- D. Initiate seizure precautions.
- E. Notify physician of visual changes.
- F. Do not serve grapefruit juice.

ANS: A, B, C, E, F

See Adverse Reactions, Nursing Implications, and Patient/Family Teaching for amiodarone: Seizures are not an identified adverse reaction to amiodarone, so seizure precautions are not necessary. The ECG should be monitored continuously, and the nurse should assess for signs of pulmonary toxicity and monitor blood pressure frequently. Ophthalmic examinations should be performed before and regularly during therapy and whenever visual changes occur. Advise patient to avoid drinking grapefruit juice during therapy.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiarrhythmics

REF: Pages 141-144

176. A nurse from the medical unit is floated to the cardiology floor. While preparing to provide morning medications, the nurse realizes many patients are taking bisoprolol and knows the drug must be given cautiously or in reduced doses to which of the following patients? *Select all that apply.*

- A. A 56-year-old patient with a history of pulmonary disease.
- B. A 68-year-old patient with a history of gastroesophageal reflux disease.
- C. A 71-year-old patient with chronic renal failure.
- D. A 66-year-old patient with elevated liver enzymes.
- E. A 59-year-old patient with a history of diverticulitis.
- F. A 74-year-old patient with a history of Alzheimer's disease.

ANS: A, C, D

See Contraindications/Precautions for bisoprolol: Use cautiously in renal impairment (dosage reduction recommended), hepatic impairment (dosage reduction recommended), pulmonary disease (including asthma; beta1 selectivity may be lost at higher doses; avoid use if possible), diabetes mellitus (may mask signs of hypoglycemia), and thyrotoxicosis (may mask symptoms). There is no contraindication for gastroesophageal reflux, diverticulitis, or Alzheimer's disease.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antihypertensives

REF: Page 223

177. A nurse caring for a patient who is to initiate therapy with Zostrix (capsaicin) would include which of the following statements in the patient teaching? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "This medication is used to treat local skin infections."
- B. "Apply the medication topically 3–4 times daily."
- C. "Keep the ointment away from the eyes or any open skin areas."
- D. "Rub the cream into the affected area well so little or no cream is left on the surface."
- E. "The medication helps reduce the pain associated with arthritis."
- F. "Capsaicin is taken in pill form on an empty stomach once daily."

ANS: B, C, D, E



See Indications, Contraindications, and Nursing Implications for capsaicin: Capsaicin offers temporary management of pain due to rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis and treatment of pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia or diabetic neuropathy. It is not for use near eyes or on open or broken skin. Topical: Apply to affected areas 3–4 times daily. Rub cream into affected area well so that little or no cream is left on the surface.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Nonopioid analgesics (topical)

REF: Pages 274-276

178. While providing initial chemotherapy teaching for a patient who is scheduled to receive cisplatin for metastatic ovarian cancer, the nurse recognizes that teaching has been effective by which of the following client statements? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "This medication is usually taken as a pill every day for a week."
- B. "You will need to check my lab values each time I'm due for chemotherapy to make sure I can safely take each scheduled treatment."
- C. "It is very important that I continue to take the medication that prevents nausea and vomiting consistently throughout my day of treatment."
- D. "Aside from nausea, this medication has few other side effects."
- E. "I may have nausea or loss of appetite for up to a week after taking this medication."
- F. "I will come into an infusion center to get my chemotherapy in an IV."

ANS: B, C, E, F

See Nursing Implications for cisplatin: Severe and protracted nausea and vomiting usually occur 1–4 hr after a dose; vomiting may last for 24 hr. Administer parenteral antiemetic agents 30–45 min before therapy and routinely around the clock for the next 24 hr. Nausea and anorexia may persist for up to 1 week. Monitor CBC with differential and platelet count before and routinely throughout therapy. Additional side effects occur including bone marrow suppression, ototoxicity, neurotoxicity, and renal compromise. The medication is given as an intravenous infusion.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antineoplastics

REF: Pages 322-323

179. Which of the following would cause the nurse to suspect that a patient taking Lexapro (escitalopram) may be developing serotonin syndrome? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Pulse = 122 bpm
- B. Patient reports seeing blue spiders on the wall.
- C. Patient's blood glucose = 93 g/dL.
- D. Patient complains of nausea and diarrhea.
- E. White blood cell count = 5,500 cell/mm<sup>3</sup>.
- F. Urinary output = 600 mL in 8 hr.

ANS: A, B, D

See Nursing Implications for escitalopram. Assess for serotonin syndrome (mental changes [agitation, hallucinations, and coma], autonomic instability [tachycardia, labile blood pressure, and hyperthermia], neuromuscular aberrations [hyperreflexia and incoordination], and/or GI symptoms [nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea]), especially in patients taking other serotonergic drugs (SSRIs, SNRIs, or triptans).

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidepressants

REF: Page 521

180. The nurse is caring for a patient taking Nexium (esomeprazole). The nurse knows teaching has been effective by which of the following statements? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "I should take this pill with my meals."
- B. "This medication helps reduce the release of stomach acid and reduces my reflux."
- C. "I should not chew or crush the pellets."
- D. "If I miss a dose, it should be skipped for the day."
- E. "I've eliminated alcohol from my diet completely."
- F. "I can keep taking Advil for my arthritis pain."

ANS: B, C, E

See Nursing Implications for esomeprazole: Esomeprazole is an antiulcer agent that prevents the final transport of hydrogen ions into the gastric lumen. It is given at least 1 hr before meals. Capsules should be swallowed whole; do not crush or chew pellets. Advise patients to avoid alcohol, products containing aspirin or NSAIDs, and foods that cause an increase in GI irritation.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-ulcer agents

REF: Pages 525-526

181. While providing care for a patient who receives Lasix (furosemide) 20 mg IV push twice daily, the nurse would include which of the following in the plan of care? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Change the patient's incontinence brief 30–60 min after medication administration.
- B. Check patient's platelet count prior to medication administration.
- C. Schedule the first dose at 11 a.m. and the second dose at 11 p.m.
- D. Provide the dose undiluted.
- E. Give the medication over 30 seconds
- F. Institute high fall risk protocol interventions.

ANS: A, D, F

See Action and Nursing Implications for furosemide. Furosemide half-life is 30–60 min, and urine production is expected. Electrolytes and renal and hepatic function should be monitored, but there is no expected effect on platelet level. If administering twice daily, give the last dose no later than 5 p.m. to minimize disruption of sleep cycle. Lasix can be given undiluted in a concentration of 10 mg/mL up to 20 mg/min. Elderly individuals are at higher risk for falls when taking diuretics.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Diuretics

REF: Pages 602-604

182. While reviewing a patient's medication list, the nurse notes the patient takes Neurontin (gabapentin) 300 mg three times daily. The nurse recognizes this medication has multiple indications and is used both on and off label for various reasons including which of the following? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Adjunct treatment of partial seizures
- B. Prevention of migraine headaches
- C. Treatment of diabetic peripheral neuropathy
- D. Treatment of postherpetic neuralgia
- E. Treatment for insomnia
- F. Reduction of increased intracranial pressure

ANS: A, B, C, D

See Indications for gabapentin: Partial seizures (adjunct treatment) and postherpetic neuralgia. Unlabeled uses: neuropathic pain, prevention of migraine headaches, bipolar disorder, anxiety, diabetic peripheral neuropathy.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Analgesic adjunct therapeutic, Anticonvulsants, Mood stabilizers

REF: Page 605

183. The nursing instructor is reviewing the administration of Levemir (insulin-detemir) via injectable pen. The instructor would be most concerned by which of the following statements by the student? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "I have to rotate the pen a few times before I set the dose."
- B. "I need a special needle so I make sure to get the insulin into muscle tissue."
- C. "It is important to rotate sites to prevent tissue damage."
- D. "The expiration date is not important on single-patient administration devices."
- E. "This medication is usually given once a day with dinner or at bedtime."
- F. "I should store this pen in the refrigerator once I provide the dose."

ANS: B, D, F

See Implementation for Insulins (Long-Acting): Prior to withdrawing dose, rotate vial between palms to ensure uniform solution; do not shake. Insulin is provided subcutaneously. Rotate injection sites. After initial use, cartridges may be stored in a cool place for 42 days; expiration dates should be noted. Administer daily with evening meal or at bedtime. Do not store in-use cartridges and prefilled syringes in refrigerator.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidiabetics

REF: Pages 697-698

184. The nurse is caring for a patient who is to start taking Carbolith (lithium) 300 mg three times daily. Which of the following statements should be included in the patient teaching? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "You will need to have blood levels checked frequently for the first few months of treatment."
- B. "You should report any muscle twitches or change in coordination since those could be symptoms of too much medication in your system."
- C. "This medication will help level out your mood."
- D. "Please make sure you limit your fluid intake to three glasses of liquid per day."
- E. "Avoid dairy products while you are taking this medication."
- F. "You must have a baseline electromyogram before you start this medication."

ANS: A, B, C

See Indications, Assessment, and Patient Teaching for Lithium: Monitor serum lithium levels twice weekly during initiation of therapy. Assess patient for signs and symptoms of lithium toxicity (vomiting, diarrhea, slurred speech, decreased coordination, muscle weakness, or twitching). Lithium is used in the treatment of manic episodes of manic depressive illness. Advise patients to drink at least 2,000–3,000 mL of fluid each day, avoiding coffee, tea, and cola due to the inherent diuretic property of the medication. Those with cardiovascular disease or over 40 years old should have a baseline ECG, but an EMG is not needed.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Mood stabilizers

REF: Pages 784-785

185. While admitting a patient to the medical unit at 9:30 a.m. for an acute episode of Crohn's disease, the nurse learns the patient typically takes Imodium (loperamide) 2 mg four times each day. The nurse recognizes that further patient teaching is needed by which of the following statements? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "That is the medicine that helps control my diarrhea."
- B. "I have to be careful about loperamide when I'm taking my narcotic pain medication."
- C. "I didn't take my loperamide this morning so I'd like to take two when it is due at 11 a.m."
- D. "I usually drink one or two beers a day."
- E. "I'm always sure to drink at least 10 glasses of water or juice each day."
- F. "I chew a lot of sugarless gum."

ANS: C, D

See Indications and Interactions for loperamide: Loperamide is used in the adjunctive treatment of acute diarrhea. Interactions include increased CNS depression with other CNS depressants. Patient/Family Teaching: Do not take missed doses and do not double doses. Avoid using alcohol and other CNS depressants concurrently. Administer with clear fluids to help prevent dehydration. Frequent mouth rinses, good oral hygiene, and sugarless gum may relieve dry mouth.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidiarrheals

REF: Page 786

186. While providing discharge instructions for a patient who is taking Naprosyn (naproxen) for rheumatoid arthritis, the nurse would include which of the following statements? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "You should limit your alcohol consumption to a maximum of one glass per day."
- B. "Please notify your physician if you notice your stools become dark or tarry in appearance."
- C. "Extended release tablets can be broken into smaller pieces to make it easier to swallow."
- D. "You should not take any over-the-counter products that contain aspirin while you are taking this medication."
- E. "Consult your doctor before taking anything that contains Tylenol."
- F. "Ringing in the ears is a potential side effect of this medication, so don't worry if that happens."

ANS: A, B, D, E

See Patient/Family Teaching and Nursing Implications for naproxen. Caution patient to avoid the concurrent use of alcohol, aspirin, acetaminophen, or other OTC medications without consulting the health-care professional. Use of naproxen with three or more glasses of alcohol per day may increase risk of GI bleeding. Advise patient to consult the physician if rash, itching, visual disturbances, tinnitus, weight gain, edema, black stools, persistent headache, or influenza-like syndrome (chills, fever, muscle aches, and pain) occur.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Nonopioid analgesics, Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents, Antipyretics

REF: Pages 894-895

187. While caring for a client who chose to start taking Niacin (vitamin B<sub>3</sub>) rather than a statin agent, the nurse determines that the treatment has been effective by which of the following findings? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Serum triglyceride = 136 mg/dL
- B. Protein = 7.2 g/dL
- C. Prothrombin time = 12 sec
- D. Total cholesterol = 168 mg/dL
- E. Random glucose = 108 g/dL
- F. Glycosylated hemoglobin (A1C) = 4.4%

ANS: A, D

See Evaluation/Desired Outcomes for Niacin. Niacin leads to a decrease in serum cholesterol and triglyceride levels. All listed levels are within normal limits, but Niacin is taken to reduce lipid levels.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Lipid-lowering agents, Vitamins

REF: Page 902

188. The nurse is counseling a patient who wants to start using Nicorette (nicotine chewing gum). Which of the following statements indicates that teaching has been effective? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "Since I used to smoke about 12 cigarettes a day, I will use the 2 mg gum."

- B. "I should not chew more than five pieces per day."
- C. "I should start out chewing one piece of gum every 1 or 2 hr."
- D. "I will gradually decrease the amount of gum I chew over about 10 weeks."
- E. "The gum comes in a number of flavors so I can have variety."
- F. "There are no side effects to the gum, so I can use more if I need it."

ANS: A, C, D, E

See Route/Dosage for nicotine gum: If a patient smokes less than 25 cigarettes per day, they should start with the 2 mg gum. If first cigarette is desired >30 after wakening, start with 2 mg gum. If first cigarette is desired <30 after wakening, start with 4 mg gum. Patients should chew one piece of gum every 1–2 hr for 6 wk, then one piece of gum every 2–4 hr for 3 wk, then one piece of gum every 4–8 hr for 3 wk, and then discontinue. They should not exceed 24 pieces of gum/day. Chewing gum is available in cinnamon, mint, orange, and fruit chill flavors. Multiple side effects exist.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Smoking deterrents

REF: Page 905

189. The nurse is counseling a patient who is newly prescribed Lyrica (pregabalin). Which of the following statements should be included in the patient's teaching? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "This medication may increase depression or suicidal thoughts, so be sure to notify your physician if this occurs."
- B. "The medication is used to reduce the pain associated with diabetic neuropathy."
- C. "Do not stop using this medication quickly."
- D. "Weight loss and decreased interest in food may be experienced with this medication."
- E. "Call the doctor right away if you have muscle pain or weakness."
- F. "You must take this medication with your meals to avoid severe gastric irritation."

ANS: A, B, C, E

See Indications and Patient/Family Teaching and Implementation for pregabalin: Pregabalin is used in the treatment of diabetic neuropathy. Do not discontinue abruptly. Instruct patient to promptly report unexplained muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness. Advise patient and family to notify their health-care professional if thoughts about suicide or dying, new or worse depression, or anxiety occur. Weight gain and edema are potential side effects. The medication can be taken without regard to food.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Analgesics, Anticonvulsants

REF: Pages 1048-1049

190. A nurse working in the psychiatric unit receives report for a new patient being admitted with symptoms of depressive disorder and possible schizophrenia. The nurse knows the treatment regimen may include which of the following medications? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Apo-Quinidine (quinidine)
- B. Seroquel (quetiapine)
- C. Amaryl (glimepiride)

- D. Risperdal (risperidone)
- E. Restoril (temazepam)
- F. Spiriva (tiotropium)

ANS: B, D

See Indications for each medication listed. Quetiapine is used in schizophrenia and depressive episodes with bipolar disorder. Risperidone is used for schizophrenia in adults and adolescents ages 13–17. Quinidine is used to restore and maintain sinus rhythm in patients with atrial fibrillation. Temazepam is used in the short-term management of insomnia. Tiotropium is used in the long-term maintenance treatment of bronchospasm.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antipsychotics

REF: Quinidine (drugguide.com) | Page 1071 | Page 1157 | Page 1101 | Page 1178 | Page 1207

191. While planning care for a patient who takes Requip (ropinirole), the nurse would develop which of the following nursing diagnoses? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Impaired gas exchange related to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- B. Decreased cardiac output related to heart failure
- C. Impaired physical mobility related to Parkinson disease
- D. Risk for injury related to fall risk
- E. Risk for fluid volume deficit related to diuresis
- F. Ineffective coping related to depression.

ANS: C, D

See Indication and Potential Nursing Diagnoses. Ropinirole is used in the management of signs and symptoms of idiopathic Parkinson disease. Impaired physical mobility and risk for injury are potential nursing diagnoses.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiparkinson agents

REF: Pages 1114-1115

192. Prior to administering Lovaza, what laboratory values should be obtained? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Na<sup>+</sup>
- B. K<sup>+</sup>
- C. HDL
- D. LDL
- E. Triglycerides
- F. LFT

ANS: C, D, E

See Indications and Nursing Implications/Labs for Lovaza: used to treat high triglyceride levels; that is, those greater than 500 mg/dL. High-density lipoproteins and triglycerides should be monitored to gauge effectiveness of the medication. Low-density lipoproteins may increase because of the medication and should be monitored during pharmacological treatment with Lovaza.

Key: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Lipid-lowering agents

REF: Pages 944-945

193. A patient in the hospital is going to receive her first dose of Reclast (zoledronic acid) prior to being discharged from the hospital. Which of the following actions are required of the nurse? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Keep patient NPO for 1 hr after the first dose is given.
- B. Encourage high fluid intake within a few hours prior to the administration of Reclast.
- C. Assess patency of intravenous line.
- D. Select a syringe that will provide deep tissue injection.
- E. Provide patient with written instruction for follow-up dose in 2 months.
- F. Tell patient to notify the health-care provider if he or she has muscle spasms or cramps.

ANS: B, C, F

See Indications, Nursing Implications, and Patient Family Teaching for Reclast: Reclast is prescribed to increase bone mass and is administered annually via intravenous infusion. Reclast is associated with serious side effects such as hypocalcemia and severe kidney problems. Those taking Reclast should notify their health-care provider immediately if they experience muscle spasms or muscle cramps because these are indicative of hypocalcemia. To decrease potential side effects on the kidney, it is recommended that at least two glasses of water should be consumed within the hours prior to the administration of Reclast.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Bone resorption inhibitors, Electrolyte modifiers, Hypocalcemics

REF: Pages 1292-1294

194. Which laboratory values should be monitored for a person receiving Heparin? *Select all that apply.*

- A. CBC
- B. WBC
- C. PT
- D. aPTT
- E. Platelet count
- F. D-Dimer



ANS: A, D, E

See Nursing Implications/Lab Test Considerations, Evaluation/Desired Outcomes for Heparin: The CBC includes a hemoglobin and hematocrit. The aPTT is activated partial thromboplastin time and should be 1.5–2.5 times the control level, without signs of hemorrhage. A platelet count should be monitored to provide early identification of Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anticoagulants

REF: Pages 637-638

195. An oral dose of zinc sulfate is being prescribed for a patient in the wound clinic. Patient education should emphasize that the following products should not be taken with zinc sulfate because they will decrease absorption. *Select all that apply.*

- A. Caffeine products
- B. Bran
- C. Dairy products
- D. Seafood

ANS: A, B, C

See Indications and Nursing Implications and Patient/Family Teaching for Zinc sulfate: Zinc is necessary for tissue repair and wound healing. Those with impaired wound healing may be prescribed zinc sulfate as a supplement to dietary intake. Zinc sulfate should be taken with food to decrease gastrointestinal irritation. However, zinc sulfate should not be taken with caffeine products, dairy products, and bran, as these will decrease the absorption of zinc. Seafood is a source of food that is high in zinc.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Mineral supplement

REF: Drugguide.com

196. Which of the following laboratory values must be closely monitored when taking amiodarone? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Liver function tests
- B. Thyroid level
- C. Electrolytes
- D. Chest x-ray
- E. Pulmonary function tests

ANS: A, B, C, D, E

See Nursing Implications/Lab Test Considerations, and Patient/Family Teaching for amiodarone: Liver and thyroid function tests need to be monitored before treatment and every 6 months after initiation of amiodarone because of the high risk for liver toxicity and thyroid dysfunction. May cause hypokalemia, hypocalcemia, and hypomagnesemia. A chest x-ray and pulmonary function tests need to be monitored every 3 to 6 months because of risk for pulmonary toxicity and acute respiratory distress syndrome.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Drug: Cordarone (amiodarone) Therapeutic Classification: Antiarrhythmics

REF: Pages 143-144

197. When administering bisacodyl, which of the following implications should the nurse consider?

*Select all that apply.*

- A. Increase fluid intake up to 2,000 mL/day.
- B. Administer with food.
- C. Dilute with normal saline prior to administration.
- D. Assess fluid and electrolyte status.
- E. If giving rectally, encourage retention of enema for 15–30 min.

ANS: A, D, E

See Indications and Nursing Implications, and Patient/Family Teaching for Bisacodyl: Bisacodyl is a laxative that will alter fluid and electrolyte transport, producing accumulation of fluid in the colon. Encourage fluid intake from 1,500–2,000 mL/day to prevent dehydration. Do not give oral dose with food. It is best to take bisacodyl on an empty stomach. If given rectally, lubricate the enema with water-soluble lubricant with insertion and encourage retention of enema for 15–30 min.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Laxatives

REF: Pages 228-229

198. After the administration of rifampin, what should be included in patient education? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Take dose at the same time daily.
- B. Avoid use of soft contact while taking rifampin.
- C. If taking oral contraceptives, an alternate form should be used.
- D. Keep medication refrigerated until time of use.
- E. Notify patient that bodily fluids such as sweat, urine, saliva, and feces may turn reddish-orange in color.

ANS: A, B, C, E

See Indications and Patient Family Teaching for Rifampin: used for the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis. It must be taken at the same time daily even when symptoms have subsided. People receiving this drug should know that soft contacts will be permanently discolored if worn while taking rifampin. In addition, saliva, tears, sweat, urine, feces, and sputum will change to a red-orange or red-brown color. The effectiveness of oral contraceptives may be decreased. The use of a nonhormonal form of contraceptives should be used while on rifampin.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antituberculars

REF: Pages 1094-1095

199. A person taking Questran should restrict intake of foods high in which of the following components? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Sugar
- B. Fat
- C. Carbohydrates
- D. Cholesterol
- E. Potassium
- F. Sodium

ANS: B, C, D

See Indications and Nursing Implications, and Patient/Family Teaching for Questran: Questran is a lipid-lowering agent used in the treatment of hypercholesterolemia or to treat pruritis associated with increased bile acids. Questran should be taken in conjunction with a diet that will aid in lowering cholesterol and low-density lipoproteins. Foods that are high in fats, carbohydrates, and cholesterol should be avoided.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Lipid-lowering agents

REF: Drugguide.com

200. Which of the following assessments should cause concern for a patient who is receiving Vancomycin? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Black, furry growth on the tongue
- B. Tinnitus
- C. Vertigo
- D. Yellow sclera
- E. Pink-tinged urine

ANS: A, B, C, E

See Adverse Reactions/Side Effects, and Nursing Implications/Assessment for Vancomycin: Black, furry growth on the tongue is associated with a superinfection and should be reported immediately. Tinnitus and vertigo are associated with ototoxicity. Pink-tinged urine may be a sign of nephrotoxicity. Yellow sclera does not occur as an adverse reaction or side effect of vancomycin.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Synthesis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Pages 1246-1248

201. The nurse is providing education for an immunosuppressed patient with recurrent oral herpes simplex lesions (cold sores) who is being treated with topical acyclovir ointment. Which of the following statements would be included in the nurse's teaching? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "Apply the ointment every 3 hr each day for 7 days."
- B. "Other topical ointments should be avoided as they may cause the lesions to spread or worsen."
- C. "This medication should cure the lesions and recurrence is rare."
- D. "You should wear a glove when applying the ointment to prevent spreading."
- E. "You cannot eat or drink for 2 hr after application."
- F. "There are no activity restrictions while you are taking this medication."

ANS: A, B, D

See Route/Dosage and Patient/Family Teaching for acyclovir: Instruct patient to apply ointment in sufficient quantity to cover all lesions every 3 hr, 6 times/day for 7 days. Additional use of OTC creams, lotions, and ointments may delay healing and may cause spreading of lesions. Use a finger cot or glove when applying to prevent inoculation of other areas or spread to other people. Inform patient that acyclovir is not a cure. The virus lies dormant in the ganglia, and acyclovir will not prevent the spread of infection to others. No eating or drinking restrictions are required. No sexual contact should be made while lesions are present.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antivirals

REF: Pages 107-110

202. A nurse working in the intensive care unit would expect albumin as part of the treatment plan for which of the following patients? *Select all that apply.*

- A. A 33-year-old patient with profound plastic anemia
- B. A 55-year-old patient with second- and third-degree burns to 40% of his body
- C. A 29-year-old patient with rectal bleeding
- D. A 71-year-old patient with lung cancer and congestive heart failure
- E. A 68-year-old patient with symptoms of septic shock
- F. A 37-year-old patient with end-stage liver disease

ANS: B, C, E, F

See Indications for albumin. These include expansion of plasma volume and maintenance of cardiac output in situations associated with fluid volume deficit, including shock, hemorrhage, and burns. Temporary replacement of albumin in diseases associated with low levels of plasma proteins, such as nephrotic syndrome or end-stage liver disease, results in relief or reduction of associated edema. Albumin is contraindicated in patients with allergic reactions to albumin, severe anemia, CHF, and normal or increased intravascular volume.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Volume Expanders

REF: Drugguide.com

203. The nurse is providing care for a patient with recurrent lymphocytic leukemia who is receiving weekly treatment with Campath (alemtuzumab). Which of the following lab results would the nurse be expected to monitor prior to initiating therapy? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Prothrombin time (PTT)
- B. Urine-specific gravity
- C. White blood cell count (WBC)
- D. Platelet count
- E. CD-8 count
- F. Red blood cell count (RBC)

ANS: C, D, F

See Nursing Implications/Assessment for alemtuzumab. Lab Test Considerations: Obtain CBC and platelet counts weekly during therapy and more frequently if worsening anemia, neutropenia, or thrombocytopenia is observed. CD4 counts are assessed after treatment until recovery.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antineoplastics

REF: Drugguide.com

204. The nurse is caring for a patient receiving intravenous antibiotic therapy with tobramycin 100 mg every 8 hr. Which of the following nursing actions are appropriate for this medication? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Mixed IVPB solutions are stable at room temperature for 24 hr.
- B. IVPB doses should be administered over 30–60 min.
- C. Monitor the patient for signs of tinnitus, dizziness, or hearing loss.
- D. Monitor renal function before and during therapy.
- E. May mix or infuse simultaneously with other antibiotics.
- F. Monitor for symptoms of a super infection.

ANS: A, B, C, D, F

See Nursing Implications/IV Administration (tobramycin) for Aminoglycosides: IVPB mixtures are stable for 24 hr at room temperature. Infuse slowly over 30–60 min in both adult and pediatric patients. Evaluate the eighth cranial nerve function by audiometry before and throughout therapy. Hearing loss is usually in the high-frequency range. Prompt recognition and intervention are essential in preventing

permanent damage. Also monitor for vestibular dysfunction (vertigo, ataxia, nausea, and vomiting). Monitor renal function by urinalysis, specific gravity, BUN, creatinine, and CCr before and during therapy. Manufacturer recommends administering separately; do not admix. Assess patient for signs of super infection.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Pages 138-140

205. A nurse providing hypertension screening and education recognizes which of the following medications as an ACE inhibitor? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Tenormin (atenolol)
- B. captopril}
- C. Vasotec (enalopril)
- D. Teveten (eprosartan)
- E. Lotensin (benazepril)
- F. Atacand (candesartan)

ANS: B, C, E

See drug list for angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors. ACE inhibitors can be recognized by the ending “pril.” Atenolol is a beta blocker—recognized by the ending “lol.” Teveten and atacand are angiotensin II receptor antagonists—recognized by the ending “sartan.”

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antihypertensives

REF: Page 163

206. The nurse is teaching a patient with prostate cancer about the planned treatment of Casodex (bicalutamide) and Goserelin (an LHRH analog). Which of the following statements should be included in the patient teaching? *Select all that apply.*

- A. “Diarrhea is common, so it is important to increase fluid intake.”
- B. “You may experience hot flashes while taking these medications.”
- C. “The doctor will follow CA-125 levels periodically to monitor the tumor’s response to the medications.”
- D. “You may experience hair loss while taking Casodex.”
- E. “These medications block the effects of testosterone in your body and keep the prostate cancer from growing.”
- F. “You must take this medication first thing in the morning while sitting upright and wait for at least an hour before eating anything.”

ANS: A, B, D, E

See Nursing Implications and Adverse Reactions/Side Effects for bicalutamide: Diarrhea and hot flashes are common with Casodex, and potential hair loss should be discussed. Casodex antagonizes the effects of androgen at the cellular level and is used to decrease the spread of prostate cancer. Prostate-specific antigen levels are followed to indicate tumor response. Casodex can be taken without regard to food.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antineoplastics

REF: Pages 227–228

207. The nurse is providing care for a 59-year-old patient with a long-term history of asthma for an acute exacerbation. The client is started on an infusion of aminophylline. Which of the following orders would the nurse expect to be written?

- A. Place on telemetry and monitor patient for reports of chest pain.
- B. Theophylline levels every 6 hr x4.
- C. O<sub>2</sub> to keep saturation greater than 93%.
- D. Strict I/O.
- E. NG to intermittent suction.
- F. Pleurovac to 20 cm water seal.

ANS: A, B, C, D

See Nursing Implications/Assessment for Bronchodilators (Xanthines): Patients with a history of cardiovascular problems should be monitored for chest pain and ECG changes. Monitor drug levels routinely. Ensure that oxygen therapy is correctly instituted during acute asthma attacks. Monitor intake and output ratios for an increase in diuresis or fluid overload.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Bronchodilators

REF: Drugguide.com

208. Which of the following lab values must be monitored during therapy with Tegretol CR (carbamazepine)? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Uric acid level
- B. Hemoglobin
- C. Creatinine
- D. Alkaline phosphatase
- E. Platelet count
- F. Serum iron

ANS: B, E, F

See Nursing Implications/Lab Test Considerations for carbamazepine: Monitor CBC, including platelet count, reticulocyte count, and serum iron, weekly during the first 2 mo and yearly thereafter for evidence of potentially fatal blood cell abnormalities. Medication should be discontinued if bone marrow depression occurs.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anticonvulsants

REF: Pages 277-278

209. The nurse is preparing to provide the first dose of Maxipime (cefepime) 1 gm in 50 mL D5W via intravenous piggyback to a patient diagnosed with febrile neutropenia. *Place the following steps in the appropriate order:*

- A. Set rate at 100 mL/hr.
- B. Verify right drug, dose, and time.
- C. Observe for symptoms of anaphylaxis.
- D. Discontinue the infusion.
- E. Verify correct patient using two identifiers.
- F. Begin infusion.

Ans: B, E, A, F, C, D

See Nursing Implications for cefepime. Correct medication administration requires using the five rights—right medication, right dose, right time, right route, and right patient. The medication order (drug, dose, route, and time) should be verified when the nurse obtains the medication in preparation for provision. The right patient should be identified using two patient identifiers once the drug is verified. Maxipime should be infused over 30 min (100 mL/hr), and the patient should be monitored for signs of anaphylaxis. Finally the infusion can be discontinued upon completion.

Verify right drug, dose, and time.

Verify correct patient using two identifiers.

Set IV pump rate at 100 mL/hr.

Begin infusion.

Observe for symptoms of anaphylaxis.

Discontinue the infusion.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Pages 292-293

210. A nurse assisting in the care of an elderly patient who received PO Librium (chlordiazepoxide) in the treatment of acute alcohol intoxication would include which of the following in the plan of care? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Place patient in leather restraints.
- B. Institute seizure precautions.
- C. Assess for tremors.
- D. Administer higher doses in morning
- E. Institute fall precautions.
- F. Administer after meals or with milk

ANS: B, C, E, F

See Nursing Implications/Assessment for chlordiazepoxide: With alcohol withdrawal assess for tremors, agitation, delirium, and hallucinations. Protect patient from injury. Institute seizure precautions. Geri: Assess risk of falls and institute fall prevention strategies. Administer greater dose at bedtime to avoid daytime sedation. Patients should only be placed in restraints as a last resort—there are no indications restraints are needed in this scenario. Administer Librium after meals or with milk to minimize GI irritation.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Comprehension



DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-anxiety agents

REF: drugguide.com

211. Which of the following medications can be used to prevent or treat nausea and vomiting? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Chlorpromazine
- B. Zofran (ondansetron)
- C. Adrenaline (epinephrine)
- D. Reglan (metoclopramide)
- E. Emend (aprepitant)
- F. Catapres (clonidine)

ANS: A, B, D, E

See Classification for chlorpromazine, ondansetron, epinephrine, metoclopramide, aprepitant, and clonidine: Medications that prevent or treat nausea and vomiting are known as anti-emetics.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge/Comprehension

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-emetics

REF: Drugguide.com (chlorpromazine) | Page 947 | Page 502 | Page 843 | Page 180 | Page 332

212. The nurse providing patient education about Questran (cholestyramine) would include which of the following statements in the education? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "Diarrhea may occur."
- B. "This medication should be taken before meals."
- C. "It can be mixed with water, milk, juice, or another noncarbonated beverage."
- D. "It is still important to follow a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet."
- E. "Notify the physician if your stool becomes frothy or foul smelling."
- F. "This medication may cause dry mouth or a rapid heart rate; that is normal."

ANS: B, C, D, E

See Patient/Family Teaching for cholestyramine: Instruct patient to take medication before meals. Mix cholestyramine with 4–6 oz water, milk, fruit juice, or other noncarbonated beverages. Shake vigorously. Slowly stir in a large glass. Rinse glass with small amount of additional beverage to ensure all medication is taken. Advise patient that this medication should be used in conjunction with dietary restrictions (fat, cholesterol, carbohydrates, and alcohol), exercise, and cessation of smoking. Explain that constipation may occur. Increase in fluids and bulk in diet, exercise, stool softeners, and laxatives may be required to minimize the constipating effects. Instruct patient to notify a health-care professional if constipation, nausea, flatulence, and heartburn persist or if stools become frothy and foul smelling.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Lipid-lowering agents

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213. The nurse is preparing to provide Norvasc (amlodipine) to a 69-year-old patient with a history of multifocal premature ventricular contractions (PVCs). His cardiac monitor has shown normal sinus rhythm with rare PVCs for the past 24 hr. Which of the following assessment findings would cause the nurse to withhold the medication? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Blood pressure = 86/50
- B. Blood pressure = 112/68
- C. Pulse = 88 bpm
- D. Pulse = 48 bpm
- E. Monitor shows normal sinus rhythm
- F. Monitor shows three PVCs in past 24 hr

ANS: A, D

See Nursing Implications for amlodipine: Norvasc is used in the management of hypertension, angina pectoris, and vasospastic angina. Monitor blood pressure and pulse before therapy, during dose titration, and periodically during therapy. Contraindicated in systolic blood pressure less than 90 mmHg. Instruct patient to contact health-care provider if heart rate is less than 50 bpm.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application/Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antihypertensives

REF: Page 147

214. Which of the following are classified as potassium-sparing diuretics? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Lasix (furosemide)
- B. Aldactone (spironolactone)
- C. Dyrenium (triamterene)
- D. Diuril (chlorothiazide)
- E. Midamor (amiloride)
- F. Microzide (hydrochlorothiazide)

ANS: B, C, E

See Drug List/Classification for Diuretics (potassium sparing, thiazide) and furosemide: Aldactone, Dyrenium, and Midamor are all potassium-sparing diuretics. Furosemide is a loop diuretic and depletes potassium. Diuril and Microzide are thiazide diuretics and deplete potassium.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Diuretics

REF: Page 602 | Page 444 | Page 444 | Page 444 | Page 446 | Page 446

215. A nurse working with patients in an HIV clinic recognizes the following medications as antivirals that may be included in patient medication regimens. *Select all that apply.*

- A. Famciclovir
- B. Emtriva (emtricitabine)
- C. Sustiva (efavirenz)
- D. Lodine (etodolac)

- E. Afinitor (everolimus)
- F. Enbrel (etanercept)

ANS: A, B, C

See Indications for famciclovir, emtricitabine, efavirenz, etodolac, etoposide, and etanercept. Famvir, Emtriva, and Sustiva are all antivirals or antiretrovirals used in the treatment of HIV or in the treatment of recurrent herpes simplex virus infection in patients with HIV. Etodolac and Enbrel are used in the treatment of arthritis. Afinitor is a chemotherapy agent.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge

DIF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiretrovirals

REF: Page 547 | Page 493 | Page 481 | Page 536 | Page 538 | Page 533

216. The nurse is counseling a patient who has been given a prescription for Prozac (fluoxetine). Which of the following statements should the nurse include in the patient's teaching? *Select all that apply.*

- A. "The medicine can cause some dizziness, so you should change position slowly."
- B. "Sugarless gum or candy may help the feeling of dry mouth that some patient's experience with this medicine."
- C. "Most likely you will notice a huge change in your mood immediately."
- D. "You may experience a decrease in your sex drive while on this medication."
- E. "It is important to wear protective clothing and sunscreen since the drug can cause increased sensitivity to the sun."
- F. "This medicine should always be taken on an empty stomach."

ANS: A, B, D, E

See Patient/Family Teaching and Desired Effects for fluoxetine: Caution patient to change positions slowly to minimize dizziness. Inform patient that frequent mouth rinses, good oral hygiene, and sugarless gum or candy may minimize dry mouth. Inform patient that medication may cause decreased libido. Caution patient to wear protective clothing and use sunscreen to prevent photosensitivity reactions. May be administered with food to minimize GI irritation.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidepressants

REF: Pages 590-591

217. The nurse is caring for a patient who had a total hip replacement yesterday. Based on the patient's risk of developing deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary emboli, which of the following would the nurse expect to find in the patient's plan of care? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Bilateral thigh-high sequential compression stockings
- B. Fragmin (dalteparin) 5,000 IU SQ every day
- C. Strict bed rest for 3 days
- D. Vital signs and pulse oximetry every 4 hr
- E. Lovenox (enoxaparin) 30 mg IV push—single dose now
- F. Aspirin 650 mg every 4 hr while awake

ANS: A, B, D

See Nursing Implications for Heparins (low molecular weight): Compression device stockings are routinely used in the prevention of DVT and PE postoperatively. Fragmin is dosed 5,000 IU evening before surgery, then once daily for 5–10 days. Patients are encouraged to increase activity unless contraindicated; most patients with hip replacement surgery are assisted out of bed on the first post-op day. Intravenous push Lovenox is used in the treatment of acute ST segment MI, not as DVT prophylaxis. Instruct patient not to take aspirin or NSAIDs without consulting a health-care professional while on therapy since aspirin products will increase the risk of bleeding.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anticoagulants

REF: Pages 640-641

218. The nurse is providing care for a patient who is to take Tagamet (cimetidine) 400 mg BID upon discharge. Which of the following statements should the nurse include in the patient's teaching? *Select all that apply.*

A. "The medication may make your stool black; this is normal."

B. "Smoking interferes with the action of this medication, so it is important not to smoke after taking your last dose of the day."

C. "Do not take any over-the-counter medications with aspirin or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents without talking to your physician."

D. "You should take this medication first thing in the morning on an empty stomach."

E. "This medication may make you feel sleepy."

F. "This medication will improve your heartburn symptoms and help reduce stomach acid from irritating your esophagus."

ANS: B, C, E, F

See Patient/Family Education and Evaluation Desired Outcomes for Histamine H<sub>2</sub> Antagonists: Advise patient to report onset of black, tarry stools; fever; sore throat; diarrhea; dizziness; rash; confusion; or hallucinations to a health-care professional promptly. Inform patient that smoking interferes with the action of histamine antagonists. Encourage patient to quit smoking or at least not to smoke after last dose of the day. Administer with meals or immediately afterward and at bedtime to prolong effect. It may cause drowsiness or dizziness. Caution patient to avoid driving or other activities requiring alertness until response to the drug is known. Advise patient to avoid alcohol, products containing aspirin or NSAIDs, and foods that may cause an increase in GI irritation. Decreased symptoms of esophageal reflux and treatment of heartburn, acid indigestion, and sour stomach.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-ulcer agents

REF: Pages 645-646

219. While caring for elderly residents in a nursing home, the nurse recognizes the use of Advil (ibuprofen) places these clients at increased risk for which of the following? *Select all that apply.*

A. Gastrointestinal bleeding

B. Renal toxicity

- C. Hepatic toxicity
- D. Cerebrovascular accident
- E. Pulmonary embolism
- F. Peripheral vascular disease

ANS: A, B, C

See Nursing Implications for ibuprofen. Geri: Higher risk for poor outcomes or death from GI bleeding. Age-related renal impairment increases risk of hepatic and renal toxicity. Assess for signs and symptoms of GI bleeding (tarry stools, lightheadedness, and hypotension), renal dysfunction (elevated BUN and creatinine levels and decreased urine output), and hepatic impairment (elevated liver enzymes and jaundice).

KEY: Cognitive Level: Knowledge

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antipyretics, antirheumatics, nonopioid analgesics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents

REF: Page 668

220. The nurse caring for a patient taking hydrochlorothiazide and Lanoxin (digoxin) instructs the patient to notify the physician with which of the following symptoms? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Systolic blood pressure less than 150
- B. Anorexia, nausea, and vomiting
- C. Muscle cramps
- D. Confusion
- E. Numbness and tingling in extremities
- F. Nocturia

ANS: B, C, D, E

See Nursing Implications for Diuretics (thiazide) and Lanoxin: Assess patient, especially if taking digoxin, for anorexia, nausea, vomiting, muscle cramps, paresthesia, and confusion; report signs of electrolyte imbalance. Patients taking digoxin have an increased risk of digitalis toxicity due to the potassium-depleting effect of the diuretic. Hydrochlorothiazide is an antihypertensive/diuretic; systolic BP less than 150 is a desired effect; nocturia may be present when the patient is taking a diuretic.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antihypertensives, Antiarrhythmics

REF: Page 432 | Pages 447-448

221. A patient with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes has been instructed on administration of insulin, human inhalation (Afrezza). Which of the following statements should be included in the patient teaching? *Select all that apply.*

- A. Administer at beginning of each meal
- B. Do not take your Subcut insulin with Afrezza
- C. Use the Afrezza inhaler upside down
- D. Avoid smoking while taking inhaled insulin
- E. Monitor blood glucose every 6 hr

E. Monitor your weight daily. Afrezza may cause weight loss.

ANS: A, D, E

See Nursing Implications, and Patient/Family Teaching for Insulin, Human Inhalation (Afrezza): Afrezza should be administered at the beginning of each meal. It must be used in combination with subcut long-acting insulin. The inhaler must be level while in use. Patients should not smoke while using Afrezza. Monitor blood glucose every 6 hr. Afrezza may cause weight gain.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Insulins

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## COMPLETION

222. The nurse receives new orders to start clindamycin 25 mg/kg/day in four equal intravenous doses every 6 hr to a child who weighs 20 kg. The dose of medication the nurse should provide with each administration is \_\_\_\_\_mg.

ANS: 125

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Page 328

223. The nurse is caring for a patient in the intensive care unit who is to be started on dopamine 1 mcg/kg/min. The patient weighs 220 pounds. The drip rate in mg/hr should be \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: 6

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIFF: Hard

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Inotropics, Vasopressors

REF: Page 459

224. Prior to initiating continuous drip intravenous therapy with dopamine, the nurse checks the infusion bag that lists 250 mg dopamine has been added to 250 mL of 0.9 NS. The nurse determines the concentration, expressed as mg/mL, is \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: 1

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Inotropics, Vasopressors

REF: Page 459

225. A nurse working in the neonatal intensive care unit receives an order to provide Lasix (furosemide) 2 mg/kg orally now. The neonate weighs 2.5 kg, and the medication is available as a liquid with a concentration of 10 mg/mL. The calculated dose the nurse will provide in mL is \_\_\_\_\_ mL.

ANS: 0.5

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Diuretics

REF: Page 602

226. The nurse is caring for a patient who is to receive 40 mg of Lasix (furosemide) as an intravenous push. If the recommended administration time is 20 mg/min, the nurse will take \_\_\_\_\_ min to administer the medication.

ANS: 2

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Diuretics

REF: Page 602

227. The nurse is caring for a patient who reports taking 20 mg Adalat (nifedipine) three times daily. The hospital has 10 mg capsules. The patient should take \_\_\_\_\_ capsules in a 24-hr period.

ANS: 6

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antianginals, Antihypertensives

REF: Page 907

228. A nurse in the intensive care unit is establishing a continuous infusion of Levophed (norepinephrine). The pharmacy has supplied 1,000 mL of D5NS with 4 mg of norepinephrine. In terms of mL/hr, the rate the nurse should program into the pump to keep the patient on a continuous infusion of 2 mcg/min is \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: 30 mL/hr

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Vasopressors

REF: Page 923

229. The nurse is caring for an infant who weighs 4.5 kg. Penicillin at 25,000 units/kg every 8 hr has been ordered. The amount of penicillin in each dose is \_\_\_\_\_ units.

ANS: 112,500

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Page 1004

230. The nurse is preparing to infuse Keflex (cephalexin) 1 g in 50 mL over 30 min. To infuse 50 mL of fluid over 30 min, the pump should be set at \_\_\_\_\_ mL/hr (= hourly rate).

ANS: 100 (mL/hr)

See IV Administration for cephalosporin first generation. To infuse 50 mL of fluid over 30 min, the pump should be set at 100 mL/hr (= hourly rate).

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Anti-infectives

REF: Page 299

231. A nurse passing medications at the nursing home is supposed to provide Cardizem (diltiazem) 90 mg po TID. The pharmacy stocks 60 mg tablets. The nurse should provide \_\_\_\_\_ tablets.

ANS: 1.5 (tablets)

See Route/Dosage for diltiazem. The patient's dose is 90 mg and 60 mg tablets are available, so the nurse must give 1.5 tablets.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antianginals, antihypertensives, antiarrhythmics

REF: Page 434

232. The nurse is passing medications for a patient whose medication administration record reads, "Neurontin (gabapentin) 300 mg po TID." Gabapentin is provided by the pharmacy in 600 mg scored tablets. The nurse should provide \_\_\_\_\_ tablets with each dose.

ANS: 0.5

See Dosage and Availability for gabapentin. Typical dose is 300 mg three times daily initially. Titration may be continued until desired (range is 900–1,800 mg/day in three divided doses; 600 mg and 800 mg tablets are scored and can be broken to administer a half-tablet). If a half-tablet is used, administer other half at the next dose. Discard half-tablets not used within several days. A 300-mg ordered dose for this patient is one-half of an available 600 mg tablet.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Easy

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Analgesic adjuncts therapeutic, Anticonvulsants, Mood stabilizers



REF: Page 605

**MATCHING**

*Match the instructions for using an inhaler in the following section with the number they should occur in.*

- A. Press down on the inhaler to release medication.
- B. Hold your breath for 10 sec.
- C. Shake the inhaler.
- D. Tilt your head back and breathe out slowly.
- E. Breathe in slowly through the mouth.
- F. Connect the inhaler to a spacer/chamber.

- 233. Step 1      ANS: C
- 234. Step 2      ANS: F
- 235. Step 3      ANS: D
- 236. Step 4      ANS: A
- 237. Step 5      ANS: E
- 238. Step 6      ANS: B

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Respiratory inhalant

REF: Appendix D

**SEQUENCING**

239. Place the following steps in proper sequence to provide 12 units NPH insulin and 4 units regular insulin.

- A. Draw up 12 units NPH insulin.
- B. Draw up 4 units regular insulin.
- C. Administer subcutaneous injection.
- D. Select and prep the site.
- E. Mix NPH insulin vial by rotating briskly between hands.
- F. Verify order and current blood glucose result.

ANS: F, E, B, A, D, C

See Nursing Implications and Patient/Family Teaching for NPH insulin: ~~Implementation~~ **Insulin**-NPH insulin is an intermediate-acting insulin. It is important with all medication administration that the order be verified. The current blood sugar result should be determined for safety to prevent hypoglycemia. Roll intermediate-acting insulin vial between palms to mix, rather than shaking (may cause inaccurate dose). Completing this step before drawing up any insulin will decrease the need to recap the needle between vials. When mixing insulins, draw regular insulin, insulin aspart, insulin glulisine, or insulin lispro into

syringe first to avoid contamination of regular insulin vial. The site should be selected and prepped prior to administration

KEY: Cognitive Level: Application

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antidiabetics, Hormones

REF: Pages 692-693

240. Place the following steps in the correct order for the nurse to provide Prevacid (lansoprazole) 15 mg capsule qd through an NG tube.

- A. Flush NG tube with 20 mL water
- B. Check chest x-ray results to verify NG tube placement.
- C. Flush NG tube with additional 20 mL water or apple juice.
- D. Open capsule and mix contents with 40 mL apple juice.
- E. Inject medication mixture through the NG tube.
- F. Aspirate NG tube and check pH of aspirate.

ANS: B, F, A, D, E, C

See Implementation for lansoprazole. Prior to giving anything into an NG tube, placement must be verified via chest x ray. Prior to medication administration, exact placement should be checked by aspirating stomach contents and checking the pH of the aspirate; flush the NG tube with water after this procedure. For patients with an NG tube getting Prevacid, capsules may be opened and intact granules may be mixed in 40 mL of apple, cranberry, grape, orange, pineapple, prune, or V8 vegetable juice and injected through the NG tube into stomach. Flush NG tube with additional apple juice or water to clear tube.

KEY: Cognitive Level: Analysis

DIF: Medium

TOP: Therapeutic Classification: Antiulcer agents

REF: Page 746