

Chapter 1: Family Assessment and Intervention: An Overview

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ANS: B

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	Feedback
A.	This is incorrect. There is no evidence that the client will become debilitated.
B.	This is correct. When a client is ill, the entire family is impacted and should be considered in the assessment and intervention.
C.	This is incorrect. There is no evidence that the client will need support from the family.
D.	This is incorrect. Although the family members may have information about the client, this is not the primary reason for including them in the interview.

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ANS: C

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A.	This is incorrect. Parents, children, and health-care providers may interact but are not considered the interacting parts of reciprocity.
B.	This is incorrect. Although nurses, physicians, and clients should interact, they are not considered the interacting parts of reciprocity.
C.	This is correct. The interacting parts of reciprocity are the family and its interaction with health and illness.
D.	This is incorrect. Men, women, and children interact as a family, but they are not relating with health and illness.

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C.	This is incorrect. Family therapy theory is synthesized into family systems nursing.
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ANS: C

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A.	This is incorrect. An economist would be concerned with how the family works together to meet material needs.
B.	This is incorrect. A sociologist would be concerned with how the family relates with society.
C.	This is correct. A psychologist would be most concerned with the emotional ties within the family.
D.	This is incorrect. A psychiatrist would be most concerned with medication management.

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ANS: A

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	Feedback
A.	This is correct. Nurses with a BSN usually view the family as a context, rather than a client.
B.	This is incorrect. Nurses with a BSN are considered nurse generalists.
C.	This is incorrect. Higher-level nurses with BSNs focus on family interaction and reciprocity.
D.	This is incorrect. Nurses at the graduate level, rather than those with a BSN, conceptualize the family as a unit of care.

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ANS: C

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A.	This is incorrect. Developmental is one of the categories of the CFAM.
B.	This is incorrect. Functional is one of the categories of the CFAM.
C.	This is correct. Foundational is not one of the categories of the CFAM.
D.	This is incorrect. Structural is one of the categories of the CFAM.

7. Based on what the nurse knows about the Calgary Family Intervention Model (CFIM), which of these would be the best response to the family?

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- D. "This method is rooted in modernism."

ANS: C

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A.	This is incorrect. The CFIM is nonhierarchical, so the entire family contributes equally.

B.	This is incorrect. The CFIM assumes that the family is the expert on the family system.
C.	This is correct. The CFIM is a strengths-based model.
D.	This is incorrect. The CFIM is rooted in postmodernism, or an emphasis on subjectivity.

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- D. "They mean the same thing."

ANS: A

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A.	This is correct. Interventions are interactions between the nurse and the client.
B.	This is incorrect. Physicians do interventions, and nurses have nursing diagnoses.
C.	This is incorrect. As health-care workers collaborate, they should be using similar terms with the same meaning.
D.	This is incorrect. <i>Intervention</i> and <i>diagnosis</i> do not have the same meaning.

9. The nurse decides to visit the family of a client with attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). This intervention is most important for families with children with this diagnosis for which reason?

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ANS: C

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	Feedback
A.	This is incorrect. There is no evidence that families with a member with ADHD have more cluttered and messy homes.
B.	This is incorrect. There is no evidence that parents with a child with ADHD are more likely to abuse their children.
C.	This is correct. There is evidence that families with a child with ADHD have more interpersonal conflict.

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| D. | This is incorrect. There is no evidence that families with a child with ADHD have more safety risks in their homes. |
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ANS: D

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A.	This is incorrect. Timely communication among the caregiving team is vital for transitions.
B.	This is incorrect. Both the client and the caregiver should be involved in goal setting.
C.	This is incorrect. The family should be aware of resources, levels of care, and possible venues.
D.	This is correct. This is a family responsibility.

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- A. Electronic accessibility
- B. Culture and literacy needs
- C. Available at all times
- D. Web site flexibility

ANS: B

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A.	This is incorrect. Most clients have access to electronic devices.
B.	This is correct. Culture and literacy needs may be a barrier unless these are taken into consideration when developing the application or Web site.
C.	This is incorrect. Being available at all times would be an advantage.
D.	This is incorrect. Having a flexible and interactive Web site is an advantage.

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ANS: A

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	Feedback
A.	This is correct. The family is the best judge of how many sessions will be needed.
B.	This is incorrect. There should be a collaborative process in scheduling sessions.
C.	This is incorrect. The nurse should provide assessment data to the insurance company to explain the need for future sessions.
D.	This is incorrect. Although regular appointments are often good, the nurse should not assume they are always convenient for the family.

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ANS: D

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A.	This is incorrect. A child being cyberbullied should have an intervention.
B.	This is incorrect. End-of-life decisions necessitate an intervention.
C.	This is incorrect. The birth, or adoption, of a child will cause changes in the family dynamics.
D.	This is correct. Although it might disrupt the family schedule a bit, it is not as disruptive to the family as the other situations.

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ANS: C

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A.	This is incorrect. The family may believe that the nurse is coming to investigate them for child abuse or disrupt their family in some way.
B.	This is incorrect. The nurse should not be working with this family because she had a dating relationship with one member of the family.
C.	This is correct. If a family member is being admitted to the hospital, it would be appropriate for a staff member of the hospital to intervene with them.
D.	This is incorrect. The family may not see the purpose in meeting for an intervention if the client will be establishing himself with other providers in a different state.

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A.	This is incorrect. The death of a family member can severely disrupt family dynamics because of the void it leaves.
B.	This is correct. This adolescent is showing strength and achieving goals. Family intervention is not as important in this case.
C.	This is incorrect. If a child acts out or performs badly in schoolwork, the family should have an intervention.
D.	This is incorrect. Returning from drug rehabilitation changes the family dynamics and necessitates an intervention.