

ATI Real Life Student Packet
N201 Nursing Care of Special Populations
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ATI Scenario: **PED 2 – Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus**

To Be Completed Before the Simulation

**** Blue boxes should be completed using textbook information. What do you expect to find? This information should be collected before you start the ATI simulation.**

Medical Diagnosis: **Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus**_____

NCLEX IV (8): Physiological Integrity/Physiological Adaptation

Anatomy and Physiology
Normal Structures

Insulin is a hormone made in the islets of Langerhans of the pancreas. Normally the pancreas continuously makes insulin and releases it into the blood stream, with an increased amount when food is being ingested. Insulin lowers blood glucose and facilitates a stable, normal glucose range 70-100 mg/dL. Insulin promotes the transport of glucose from the bloodstream into the cells, where the cells break down the glucose for energy. Muscle cells and the liver store excess glucose as glycogen. Plasma insulin rises after a meal and inhibits gluconeogenesis, enhances fat deposition of adipose tissue, and increases protein synthesis, because of this insulin is an anabolic, a storage hormone. The fall in insulin levels overnight, when the body is fasting, promotes the release of stored glucose from the liver, protein from muscle, and fat from adipose tissue.

NCLEX IV (7): Reduction of Risk

Pathophysiology of Disease

The body needs glucose to fuel cells properly, when it does not have enough glucose it can be because insulin isn't being produced to take the sugar from the blood stream into the cells, could also be because the pancreas isn't producing enough insulin leaving the cells very hungry for more glucose, or it could be because the body isn't recognizing the insulin as a vehicle to get the glucose into the cells (this is called insulin resistance). With type 1 diabetes the pancreas doesn't produce insulin. If the body doesn't get the glucose the glucose it needs to produce energy, it will begin to break down fat for energy. If this happens for too long the body goes into a state of ketosis/Acidosis and the patient can become altered, dehydrated, and have electrolyte imbalances.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disorder in which the body develops antibodies against insulin and/or the pancreatic **B** cells that make insulin, this eventually results in a person not having enough insulin to survive. Exposure to a virus or genetic predisposition are factors that may contribute to the development of immune-related type 1 diabetes. Onset if type 1 diabetes is usually rapid and the first manifestations are usually acute.

Anticipated Patient Problems, Goals, & Interventions Based on Medical Diagnosis

** This worksheet should be completed before you begin the ATI simulation.

Problem #1: Deficient Knowledge: Type 1 Diabetes _____

Patient Goals:

1. Client will identify adjustments in lifestyle to accommodate the diabetes plan with minimum stress during my time of care.

2. Client will actively engage in self-care behaviors to manage diabetes during my time of care. _____

Assessments:

- Assess client's level of understanding of disease and disease progression and possible complications daily. Assess client's comfort level daily, PRN, on self-injecting insulin. _____

Interventions (In priority order):

1. Educate, BID or PRN, on type 1 diabetes, with teach back understanding on disease. _____
2. Encourage client participation in diabetic management care plan, BID or PRN. _____
3. Educate, PRN, on proper administration of insulin, including dosing and self-injection with teach back demonstration. _____
4. Educate with each meal or PRN, the importance of balanced meals and proper snacks, and have client teach back with examples. _____
5. Educate BID on the importance of proper skin care and checking skin daily for breaks in skin and sores.
6. Educate the client on diabetic ketoacidosis, signs, symptoms, and what to do in the event of a DKA episode, BID or PRN. _____
7. Educate, BID or PRN, importance of insulin schedule and maintaining insulin schedule. _____

Problem #2: Risk for unstable blood glucose level _____

Patient Goals:

1. Client will have few or no hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia emergencies during my time of care. _____

2. Client will maintain blood glucose levels at normal (70-100 mg/dL) or near normal levels during my time of care. _____

Assessments:

- Check blood glucose QIDACHS to maintain levels near normal range of 70-100 mg/dL during my time of care. Assess skin and feet daily for wounds and impaired skin. _____

Interventions (In priority order):

1. Educate client on how to check blood glucose, BID or PRN, and what to do when level is not in normal range of 70-100 mg/dL. _____
2. Educate client, BID or PRN, symptoms of hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia with client teach back of examples. _____
3. Provide properly balanced meals and snacks to prevent dips or spikes in blood glucose, PRN. _____
4. Administer insulin as prescribed with meals and PRN. _____
5. Educate on the importance of balancing exercise/sports with food intake, qshift or PRN. _____
6. Provide the client with resources for dietician and support groups prior to discharge. _____

To Be Completed During the Simulation**Nursing Notes**

| Time | I or E | Notes | Specify NDx # |
|---------------|--------|--|---------------|
| Day 1 1300 | E | Reports general fatigue, malaise, increase hunger and thirst, recent history of enuresis, blurred vision, lost about 8lbs in past 6 months, 2-week-old knee scrape that hasn't healed-----ML | 1,4 |
| 1310 | I | Performed urine dipstick-----ML | 2,3 |
| 1311 | E | Urine positive for ketones-----ML | 2,3 |
| 1315 | I | Performed blood glucose finger stick-----ML | 2,3 |
| 1316 | E | Blood glucose 271 mg/dL-----ML | 2,3 |
| 1320 | I | Advised and explained the need for hospitalization to confirm diagnosis of diabetes and to get blood sugar back under control-----ML | 1,2, |
| 1330 | E | Settling in, questioning who will be part of care team-----ML | |
| 1335 | I | Explained members of care team and provided information on diabetes management, checklist of topics that will be covered, advised new prescriptions ordered from provider-----ML | 1,2,5 |
| 1340 | E | Questioned what prescriptions were for-----ML | 1,5 |
| 1345 | I | Explained additional laboratory tests ordered and would be calling provider for prescription for insulin-----ML | 1,2,5 |
| 1350 | E | Mother questioned if insulin would help lower blood sugar-----ML | 1,5 |
| 1355 | I | Educated on insulin and the need to check blood sugar frequently-----ML | 1,5 |
| 1400 | E | Expressed feeling overwhelmed-----ML | 1 |
| 1400 | I | Offered reassurance would provide support and any additional information needed to make them comfortable-----ML | 1 |
| 1410 | E | Questioned when blood glucose to be checked again-----ML | 2 |
| 1415 | I | Performed blood glucose testing-----ML | 2 |
| 1415 | E | Blood glucose 274 mg/dL-----ML | 2 |
| 1420 | I | Administered 4 units insulin-----ML | 2,3 |
| 1430 | E | Mother questioned if lab results back, A1C 12%-----ML | 2,3 |
| 1450 | I | Educated on A1C results-----ML | 1,5 |
| 1500 | E | Mother verbally indicated understanding-----ML | 1,5 |
| 1530 | I | Provided snack, educated on importance of snacks between meals----ML | 1,2,3 |
| 1545 | E | Acknowledge need for snacks-----ML | 1,2,3 |
| Day 2 0800 | E | Mother questioned new lab results, fasting blood sugar still elevated-ML | 2 |
| 0815 | I | Educated on fasting glucose sugar test, how to manage and self-monitoring blood glucose-----ML | 1,5 |
| 0840 | E | Verbally acknowledged understanding-----ML | 1,5 |
| 0930 | E | Playing game, got tearful for no reason, now sweating and irritable---ML | 2,3 |
| 0940 | I | Performed blood glucose testing-----ML | 2,3 |
| 0940 | E | Blood glucose 58 mg/dL with manifestation of hypoglycemia-----ML | 2,3 |
| 0940 | I | Treated with 4oz orange juice-----ML | 2,3 |

Actual Patient Problems & Goals

** This worksheet should be completed after you complete the ATI simulation.

Problem #1: Deficient Knowledge: Type 1 Diabetes _____

Patient Goals:

1. D.N. Will actively engage in self-care behaviors to manage type 1 diabetes during my time of care. _____ Met X
Unmet
2. D.N. will be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, and diabetic ketoacidosis with teach back. _____ Met X
Unmet

Problem #2: Risk for unstable blood glucose level _____

Patient Goals:

1. D.N. blood glucose level will remain between 60 mg/dL – 120 mg/dL during my time of care. _____ Met X
Unmet X
2. D.N. will properly administer insulin as prescribed during my time of care. _____ Met X
Unmet

Problem #3: Risk for Injury _____

Patient Goals:

1. D.N. urine will remain free of ketones and glucose during my time of care. _____ Met X
Unmet
2. D.N. will remain free of hypoglycemic events for the remainder of the hospital stay. _____ Met X
Unmet

Problem #4: Fatigue _____

Patient Goals:

1. D.N. will demonstrate less fatigue and more energy by being more active during my time of care. _____ Met X
Unmet
2. D.N. will remain free of illness and maintain a healthy diet during my time of care. _____ Met X
Unmet

Problem #5: Readiness for enhanced knowledge: Diabetes and blood glucose monitoring _____

Patient Goals:

1. D.N. will take an active role in daily teachings of diabetes management during my time of care. _____ Met X
Unmet
2. D.N. will verbalize willingness make lifestyle adjustments to accommodate the diabetes management plan with minimal stress during my time of care. _____ Met X
Unmet

Patient Resources: Dietician, RN, Support groups, pamphlets, folder/binder on diabetes management _____

Patient Teaching: Understanding diabetes, monitoring blood glucose, hypoglycemia, dietary management, physical activity, hyperglycemia, ketonuria, diabetic ketoacidosis, and sick day management _____

To Be Completed After the Simulation

The orange boxes should be filled out with your simulation patient's actual results, assessments, medications, and recommendations.

NCLEX IV (7): Reduction of Risk

Actual Labs/ Diagnostics
 Urine dipstick
 Blood Glucose
 A1C

NCLEX II (3): Health Promotion and Maintenance

Signs and Symptoms
 Blurred vision
 Enuresis
 Hungrier lately
 Increased thirst
 Decreased energy
 Lost 8lbs in past 6 months
 Unhealed abrasion on knee

NCLEX II (3): Health Promotion and Maintenance

Contributing Risk Factors
 Paternal grandfather-HTN, hyperlipidemia
 Mother - Asthma

Therapeutic Procedures
Non-surgical
 Therapeutic communication & education
Surgical

NCLEX IV (7): Reduction of Risk

Prevention of Complications
 (Any complications associated with the client's disease process? If not what are some complications you anticipate)
 Hypoglycemia
 Hyperglycemia
 Diabetic ketoacidosis
 Insulin noncompliance

NCLEX IV (6): Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies

Medication Management
 Insulin – Regular/NPH before breakfast & regular PRN before lunch & dinner

NCLEX IV (5): Basic Care and Comfort

Non-Pharmacologic Care Measures
 During hypoglycemic events:
 Snacks
 Hard Candies
 OJ
 Simple Carbs

NCLEX III (4): Psychosocial/Holistic Care Needs

Stressors the client experienced?
 Sickness
 Sports/exercise

Client/Family Education

Document 3 teaching topics specific for this client.
 •Diabetes-disease management
 •Monitoring of blood glucose
 •Hypoglycemia
 •Dietary Management
 •Physical Activity
 •Hyperglycemia, ketonuria, diabetic ketoacidosis
 •Sick day management

NCLEX I (1): Safe and Effective Care Environment

Multidisciplinary Team Involvement
 (Which other disciplines were involved in caring for this client?)
 Dietician
 AP
 RN
 Pharmacist
 NP
 Social Worker

Reflection Paper

Directions: Write a 1-page reflection paper for each patient using Times New Roman, 12 pt. font and double-spaced. Include the following:

1. Describe an “Aha” moment you experienced during this learning experience.
2. What were the most important aspects of this simulation and what did you learn?
3. How will this simulation experience impact your nursing practice?

Type 1 diabetes can affect children at any age and each situation is different and education needs to be tailored to each client individually. Families that have children with a new onset of Type 1 diabetes will need a lot of education and understanding. Often there may not be anyone in the family that has had diabetes before and the whole disease and disease management can be very scary to adults and definitely the children affected. My biggest take away from this activity is that there will be a lot of questions with a new diagnosis of any disease. Be patient, provide plenty of time to answer any questions a client may have. Provide them with information in paper form so that they have some form of back up to what was discussed so they can review it again on their own time and think about any questions they may have. Never appear to be impatient with the questions they ask, just because this may be something you teach often is completely new to them. No questions are silly or stupid and every question is worth your time to address to help your client accept and understand their new diagnosis. Never forget to address your clients when they are children, they need to be included in their care if they are expected to manage their disease properly.

I don't feel like I had a true “aha” moment with this scenario. The one thing to keep in mind is that kids can be cruel and because the client needed to check his blood sugar regularly and constantly, they were making fun of him because they saw him as different. Maybe they were just uncomfortable about it because they also don't understand the disease. Never discount a client's feelings no matter their age. Always answer all questions and address all concerns, even when they are coming from a child, remember they are the client and need to be made to feel validated and that they are being ridiculous.

Some of the most important things to remember is that a new diagnosis will require a lot of education, and sometimes repeating the education several times. As nurses we will see various conditions and diseases on a regular basis and think nothing about it but to a client this is a very scary time and they need to be reassured and properly educated. Everyone learns differently so provide multiple forms of learning material and formats. Have the client demonstrate whenever possible to make sure they completely understand and can perform the

tasks properly, especially with children. The more they perform the task, the easier it becomes for them and it becomes a learned habit and they are more likely to stick with their planned regime to manage their disease. Education is the best way to support your clients and provide them with the best chance of successful management of their disease.