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Medical Diagnosis/Disease: UTI

NCLEX IV (8): Physiological Integrity/Physiological Adaptation

Anatomy and Physiology
Normal Structures
 A & P
 See separate page :)

Pathophysiology of Disease
 infections that affect the urinary tract.
 Escherichia coli is most common. Seen primarily in women (shorter urethra).
 Candida albicans is second most common causing UTIs associated with indwelling catheters.
 Terms used to delineate the location is pyelonephritis, cystitis, urethritis.

NCLEX IV (7): Reduction of Risk

Anticipated Diagnostics
Labs
 - CBC - culture
 - UA
 - clean catch
 - 24h urine
 - BUN/CREAT - GFR
Additional Diagnostics
 - ultrasound
 - CT scan

urosepsis → spread to entire system! →

NCLEX II (3): Health Promotion and Maintenance

Contributing Risk Factors
 - Women - obesity
 - congenital defects that lead to obstructions.
 - Aging - multiple sex partners
 - DM
 - HIV infection - pregnancy
 - renal impairment
 - retention - poor hygiene
 - catheters
 - stones

Signs and Symptoms
 Dysuria }
 hesitancy } "LUTS"
 frequency }
 urgency }
 suprapubic pressure
 hematuria "older"
 sediment "cognitive changes"
 cloudy
 fever, chills
 flank pain.

Possible Therapeutic Procedures
Non-surgical
 - Abx
 hydration
Surgical
 • obstruction removal?
 otherwise, NA.

Prevention of Complications
 (What are some potential complications associated with this disease process?)
 - urosepsis!
 - recurring infection
 - kidney damage

NCLEX IV (7): Reduction of Risk

NCLEX IV (6): Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies

Anticipated Medication Management
 - Antibiotics
 - IVF
 • (TMP, SMX)
 • ciprofloxacin
 • levofloxacin
 • fluoroquinolones

NCLEX IV (5): Basic Care and Comfort

Non-Pharmacologic Care Measures
 - Hydration - warm shower or bath.
 - I&O
 - daily weight
 - local heat - cranberry juice
 - ↓ caffeine, FTOH, citric juices.

NCLEX III (4): Psychosocial/Holistic Care Needs

What stressors might a patient with this diagnosis be experiencing?
 • pain
 • long term abx?
 • fear of septic shock.
 • Embarrassment

Client/Family Education

List 3 potential teaching topics/areas
 • wipe perineal area from front to back.
 • finish entire course of antibiotics
 • proper peri-care, overall hygiene.

NCLEX I (1): Safe and Effective Care Environment

Multidisciplinary Team Involvement
 (Which other disciplines do you expect to share in the care of this patient?)
 - urologist
 - PCP
 - infectious disease
 - microbiology

can be classified as complicated + uncomplicated.

uncomplicated - otherwise normal urinary tract.

complicated - urinary tract with structural or functional problems. (ex: obstruction, stones, catheter, AKI, CKD).

patho

The urinary tract above the urethra is normally sterile. many mechanisms aid in maintaining sterility such as normal voiding w/ complete emptying of bladder, ureterovesical junction competence, and ureteral peristaltic activity that propels urine \rightarrow bladder. Antibacterial characteristics are maintained by an acidic pH, high urea concentration and glycoproteins interfering w/ bacterial growth. Change in any of these will increase the risk of UTI's.

The organisms that usually cause UTI's originate in the perineum and introduced via the ascending route from the urethra.

Instrumentation allows bacteria that are normally present at the urethra to enter the urethra or bladder. sexual intercourse promotes "milking" of bacteria from the vagina and perineum and may cause trauma \rightarrow UTI's. They can also result from hematogenous transmission (blood borne bacteria invade kidneys, ureters, or bladder). For this to occur, there must be prior injury to urinary tract.

UTI's - are the most common HAI (usually by ^{"CAUTIs"} indwelling catheters).

KIDNEYS:

• Main organs of the urinary syst.
Primary functions include the regulation of volume and composition of extracellular fluid, AND the excretion of waste products from the body.

• They function to control BP, make erythropoietin, activate VITAMIN D, and regulate acid-base balance.

macrostructure - They are paired and bean shaped located behind the peritoneum on either side of the vertebral column, just around the 3rd lumbar and 12th thoracic vertebra. [R is lower than L]. An adrenal gland lies on top of each. It is surrounded by fat and connective tissue (for cushion). A thin smooth layer of fibrous tissue [The capsule] covers each surface. This protects them and is a shock absorber. The hilus, on the medial side of each is where the renal artery and nerves enter and where the renal vein and ureter exit.

The **parenchyma** is the tissue of the kidney [outer layer is called the cortex, inner layer is called the medulla].

The medulla consists of a few pyramids... The apices (top), are the papillae [through which urine passes to enter the calyces]. minor calyces widen and form into major calyces, this forms into a funnel shaped sac called the renal pelvis. Those minor and major calyces transport urine to the renal pelvis, it then drains through the ureters to the bladder.

microstructure - The **nephron** is the functional unit of the kidney. Each nephron is composed of the glomerulus, Bowman's capsule, and a tubular system consisting of the proximal convoluted tubule, loop of Henle, distal convoluted tubule, and collecting tubules. The cortex includes the glomerulus, Bowman's capsule, and proximal/distal tubules. The medulla includes the loop of Henle and collecting tubules. Many collecting tubules join to form a single collecting duct, eventually merging to empty via the papilla.

THE URINARY SYSTEM A&P

BLOOD SUPPLY

Blood flow to the kidneys [around 1200 mL/min. - Accounts for 20-25% of the cardiac output. Blood reaches them via the renal artery which arises from the aorta and enters kidneys through the hilus. The renal artery divides into secondary and even smaller branches forming an afferent arteriole. This divides into the glomerulus [a collection of up to 50 capillaries]. These capillaries unite in the efferent arteriole. This splits to form the peritubular capillaries surrounding the tubular system. ALL peritubular capillaries drain into the venous system and the renal vein empties into the IVC.

URINE FORMATION

This is the outcome of the complex process of filtration, reabsorption, secretion, excretion of water, electrolytes, and metabolic waste products. Filtration begins @ the glomerulus [where blood filters]. It is a semipermeable membrane, allowing a portion of the filtered blood to go into Bowman's capsule. From there, it begins to pass down to the tubule. The glomerular filtrate is similar to blood, but lacks blood cells, platelets, and large plasma proteins. The tubules and collection ducts reabsorb essential materials and excrete others. Reabsorption is passage of substance from the lumen of the tubules through the tubule cells, and into capillaries. Tubular secretion is the passage of substance from the capillaries through tubular cells, into lumen of tubule. cont. →

The UPPER URINARY SYSTEM consists of 2 kidneys and 2 ureters

The LOWER URINARY SYSTEM consists of a urinary bladder and urethra...

URINE FORMATION (contd)

proximal convoluted tubule: 80% electrolytes absorbed.

(GFR): Glomerular filtration rate
- normally all glucose, amino acids, proteins (small) each minute by the glomeruli.
- amount of blood filtered

As reabsorption continues in the loop of henle, water is conserved!

↓ loop is permeable to water and moderately permeable to sodium, urea, other solutes.

↑ loop chloride ions actively reabsorbed, followed by passive reabsorption of sodium ions.

Anti Diuretic Hormone (ADH) is needed for water reabsorption (for balance in kidneys). Allows H₂O to be reabsorbed into peritubular capillaries and returned to circulation. Osmoreceptors detect ↓ in plasma osmolality sending neural input to hypothalamus. Axons sent to posterior pituitary to inhibit ADH secretion, in the absence of ADH, tubules become impermeable to water →

leaving body as urine. [Aldosterone: reab. of Na⁺ and water, in exchange for Na⁺, K⁺ are excreted]

[ANP (atrial natriuretic peptide) ↑ sodium excretion + inhibits renin, ADH, Angio. II. This results in large volume of diluted urine.]

- Involved in calcium balance. - Active Vitamin D essential for calcium absorption.

URETERS -

Tubes carrying urine from renal pelvis to the bladder. [circular/longitudinal].

Uretopelvic junction: narrow area where each ureter joins the renal pelvis.

They insert to either side of bladder base, at the ureterovesical junctions.

BLADDER -

Behind symphysis pubis and anterior to the vagina and rectum. [stretchable, sac-like]

- Reservoir for urine, contracts when empty.

Normal Adult output/day: 1500ml/day.

URETHRA - Sm. tube incorporates smooth muscle of bladder neck extending to striated muscle of external meatus.
① control voiding
② conduit for urine from bladder to outside of the body.

ACTIVE LEARNING TEMPLATE: **Medication**

STUDENT NAME Gracie Brewster

MEDICATION Lorazepam

REVIEW MODULE CHAPTER _____

CATEGORY CLASS Anti anxiety

PURPOSE OF MEDICATION

Expected Pharmacological Action

Enhances action of inhibitory neurotransmitter gamma-aminobutyric acid in CNS. impacts memory, motor, sensory and cognitive function.

Therapeutic Use

Produces anxiolytic, anticonvulsant, sedative, muscle relaxant, and antiemetic effects.

Complications

drowsiness, dizziness

Rare: weakness, ataxia, HA, hypotension, n/v, injection site reaction.

Medication Administration

0.5, 1, 2 mg tablets.

• give with food

• may be crushed

0.5-2 mg q4-6h.

• up to 10mg per day.

Contraindications/Precautions

Hypersensitivity, acute glaucoma,

Severe Resp. depression

neonates, renal/hepatic impairment.
depression, R/F suicidal ideation.

Nursing Interventions

• vital signs

BP, RR, HR

• Mood

Interactions

Valproic Acid ↑ effects, Alcohol or other CNS depressants may ↑ effects.

Herbals with sedative properties

Client Education

• drowsiness common!

• seek attention if thoughts of suicide, worsening or onset of depression.

Evaluation of Medication Effectiveness

↓ in restlessness, calmness,
decrease in seizure related symptoms.

ACTIVE LEARNING TEMPLATE: **Medication**

STUDENT NAME Grace Brewster

MEDICATION Levofloxacin

REVIEW MODULE CHAPTER _____

CATEGORY CLASS Antibiotic

PURPOSE OF MEDICATION

Expected Pharmacological Action

inhibits DNA enzyme gyrase
in susceptible micro.orgs.
interferes w/ bacterial cell wall
replication.

Therapeutic Use

Bactericidal.
Treatment of susceptible infections.

Complications

Diarrhea, nausea, Abd pain, dizziness,
drowsiness, HA.

RARE - swelling in hands, calves,
chest pain

Medication Administration

IVPB
250-750 mg q24h.

Incompatible with...

- Lasix
- heparin
- insulin
- Diprivan

Contraindications/Precautions

Hypersensitivity
CNS disorders, seizure disorder, renal
impairment, bradycardia, DM,
hypokalemia

Nursing Interventions

- Serum glucose
- labs (infection)
- VS
- bowel activity

Interactions

↓ effect of B6, Antacids ↓ absorption,
NSAIDs ↑ CNS stimulation,
may ↑ anticoag effect of warfarin.

Client Education

- complete drug therapy
- report adverse effects
- drink plenty of fluids.

Evaluation of Medication Effectiveness

- infection goes away, improves.
- WBC WNL.
 - no fever, chills.

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Patient Problems (Nursing Diagnoses)

List two potential patient problems you will be addressing as part of your nurse's notes, along with clinical reasoning, goals/expected outcomes, assessments, and priority nursing interventions. The patient problems must be in priority order. Six nursing interventions for each priority problem must be completed.

Problem #1 Impaired urinary elimination

Clinical Reasoning: Urinary tract infection

Goal/EO: patient will have a urinary output of at least 30 mL/hr during my time of care.

Ongoing Assessments: Assess voiding pattern, I&O, amount/frequency/characteristics of urine output.

- NI:
1. Encourage adequate fluid intake during my time of care.
 2. Encourage continued ambulation or position changes during my time of care.
 3. Insert urinary catheter as ordered if indicated during my shift.
 4. Administer prescribed antibiotic as ordered during my time of care.
 5. Encourage pt to void q2 hours to flush bacteria, if indicated by provider during my care.
 6. Teach to avoid colas, ETOH, tea, and coffee during my care.

Problem #2 Acute pain: suprapubic/lower back area.

Clinical Reasoning: Urinary tract infection

Goal/EO: Patient will report a pain of 5/10 or less on numeric scale during my time of care.

Ongoing Assessments: Assess PRST of pain q4hr. Assess pain goal q4hr.

- NI:
1. Administer analgesic as ordered during my time of care.
 2. Apply a heating pad to suprapubic area or lower back during my time of care.
 3. Instruct patient to use sitz bath for relief during my shift.
 4. Encourage diversional activities such as reading or watching TV during my time of care.
 5. Eliminate additional stressors or sources of discomfort during my shift.
 6. Provide rest periods and clustered care during my shift.

ATI Virtual Clinical Questions and Reflection:

- 1) Identify two members of the healthcare team collaborating in the care of this patient:
 - a. Craig, RN
 - b. Dr. Baxter
- 2) What were some steps the nursing team demonstrated that promoted patient safety?
 - a. Medication reconciliation by Craig and the pharmacy.
 - b. Reassessing SpO2% for optimal safety concerning breathing.
 - c. Continuous communication and instruction between Dr. Baxter and nurses for safety (breathing, heart failure, shock, skin integrity).
- 3) Do you feel the nurse and medical team utilized therapeutic communication techniques when interacting with individuals, families, and health team members of all cultural backgrounds?
 - a. If yes, describe:
Yes, all of the nurses and Dr. Baxter use therapeutic communication with Mrs. Jordan. They were descriptive and informative during assessing and interventions, but also allowed for and showed comfort to her during a time of confusion, fear, and pain. Asking open-ended questions and active listening. They also clarified topics that Mrs. Jordan was not familiar with such as back traction.
 - b. If no, describe: _____

Reflection

- 1) Go back to your Preconference Template:
 - a. Indicate (circle, star, highlight, etc.) the components of your preconference template that you saw applied to the care of this patient. ✓
- 2) Review your Nursing Process Form: Did you select a correct priority nursing problem?
 - a. If yes, write it here: _____
 - b. If no, write what you now understand the priority nursing problem to be:
Decreased cardiac output
- 3) Review your Patient Problem Form: Did you see many of your anticipated nursing assessments and interventions used?
 - a. Were there interventions you included that *were not* used in the scenario that could help this patient?
 - i. If yes, describe:
Encouraging mobility, ambulation (with assistance) and changing positions. Applying heating pad to affected area.
 - ii. If no, describe:
NA
- 4) After completing the scenario, what is your patient at risk for developing?
 - a. Uroseptic shock, death; worsening CHF.
 - b. Why? UTI, shortness of breath, decreased level of consciousness, incorrect medication use (multiple doses/bottles).

5) What was your biggest "take-away" from participating in the care of this patient? How did this impact your nursing practice?

The biggest take-away from participating in the care of this patient is that even if the admitting diagnosis is centered around one topic, their main problem and center of care could be something much different than anticipated. In this case, Mrs. Jordan was diagnosed with a urinary tract infection, however, her most pertinent problem was actually decreased cardiac output. Yes, urinary elimination and urine characteristics were something to very closely monitor and treat, but her problems concerning cardiac health leading to impaired gas exchange (due to her history of heart failure) were much more important to tackle as a team. This experience showed me to think critically about what is most important when caring for a patient with many problems. Moving forward in my nursing practice, I can continue to think critically and reference this scenario. For example, if my patient has a UTI but is short of breath, I won't wait to assist in improving gas exchange to treat the UTI. Instead, I will do all I can to assist in fixing the most pertinent problem at hand. (Think ABC's). This was very helpful and will help in bettering my nursing practice in centered care!

SOAP Note Based on Priority Problems

Priority Patient Problem #1: Decreased cardiac output

<p>Subjective:</p> <p><i>This section explains the client symptoms. Include a narrative of the patient's complaints/concerns and/or information obtained from secondary sources.</i></p>	<p>History Present Illness (HPI): 78 female, JJ, admitted to ED for UTI/sepsis.</p> <p>PMH: Chronic heart failure, Diabetes.</p> <p>Allergies: NKA</p> <p>Current Medications: Furosemide (20mg/40mg) Potassium chloride (20mEq/40mEq) Digoxin .125, Atenolol 25mg, Isosorbide 10mg. (Med reconciliation requested by Craig, RN to Pharm)</p>
<p>Objective:</p> <p><i>This section is your clinical observations. Include pertinent vital signs, pertinent labs and diagnostics related to the priority problem.</i></p>	<p>(new med orders below) ↓</p> <p>Vital Signs: T: 100.6, HR: 98, RR: 28, BP: 130/94, SpO2: 89% 2L NC. (most recent) T: 101, HR: 98, RR: 24, BP: 128/82, SpO2: 85% 4L.</p> <p>Labs: Cholesterol: 225 Albumin: 3.2 ABG: Ph: 7.28, CO2: 35 HCO3: 20</p> <p>Diagnostics: WBC: 13000, BUN: 21</p> <p>XRAY: ♥ size enlarged, consistent with hypertrophy of L ventricle.</p>
<p>Assessment:</p> <p><i>Focused assessments on your priority problem.</i></p>	<p>Very short of breath, lung clear but shallow respirations normal. States "I don't feel so good" and said she is "so cold".</p> <p>HR: 98, RR: 28, BP: 130/94, SpO2: 89% 2L NC.</p> <p>Output: 0700, 100 mL (indwelling catheter) total output: <u>460</u> - urine cloudy, slight amber color.</p>
<p>Plan</p> <p>*Based on priority problem only</p> <p><i>Include what your plan is for the client. What treatments or medications are needed? You can include procedures, consults, labs/diagnostics, etc. What nursing interventions are being performed?</i></p>	<p>Plan: orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Levofloxacin 250mg IV bolus q 12hr. ◦ O2 per nasal cannula to keep sats 79-90%. ◦ UP as tolerated. Low sodium diet. ◦ VS q 4hr. ◦ Routine I&O ◦ Digoxin 0.25mg PO daily starting 8/2/xx. ◦ Furosemide: 20mg IV bolus if UO < 500mL in 6 hours. ◦ Albuterol 0.55% via neb q 2hr PRN resp. difficulty. ◦ Discontinue IV lactated ringers. Change to 0.9% sodium chloride 150mL/hr. <p>Teaching & Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Finish entire abx course! ◦ Medication compliance!