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Learning Objective	Response
<p>1. Identify the pelvic nerves responsible for sexual function, and the role of the sympathetic & parasympathetic nervous systems plays in this process.</p>	<p>The nerve supply to the pelvis includes the structures of the bladder, ureters, adnexa and rectum. They are part of the autonomic nervous system. The superior and inferior hypogastric plexuses are the two most important components of this system. The inferior hypogastric plexus, also called the presacral nerve, is an extension of the aorta located below the abdominal aortic bifurcation. This plexus contains sympathetic fibers and afferent fibers from the uterus.</p> <p>The superior hypogastric plexus branches into the hypogastric nerves. The inferior hypogastric plexus contains parasympathetic efferent nerves to form the inferior hypogastric plexus, also called the sacral plexus. It is the inferior hypogastric plexus that joins the perineum along the pudendal nerves, innervating the clitoris and vestibular bulbs. Injuring the branches of the inferior hypogastric plexus during cancer therapy or pelvic surgery, for instance, can cause voiding and defecatory dysfunction (Hoffman, et al., 2016).</p> <p>The autonomic nervous system is involved in sexual arousal. Masters and Johnson (1966) found that orgasmic release involves the dopamine pathway and the pelvic, pudendal and sacral nerves (Hoffman, et al., 2016). After orgasm, there is psychological and physical relaxation promoted by the parasympathetic nervous system.</p> <p>In the male, sensory organs from the receptors in the penis and glans form the dorsal nerve of the penis. In turn, the dorsal nerve travels to the S2-S4 dorsal root ganglia via the sacral nerve. Parasympathetic nerve fibers to the penis come from the S2-S4 sacral ganglia. Sympathetic innervation involved in arousal and climax originates from T11-L2 and proceeds down through the hypogastric plexus. Overall, neural input to the penis is crucial in initiating and maintaining an erection. The autonomic nerve supply causes vascular relaxation, promoting erection with the release of nitric oxide. Nitric oxide is synthesized and released by the non-adrenergic, non-cholinergic autonomic nerve supply.</p> <p>Reference Hoffman, B.L., Schorge, I.O., Bradshaw, K.D., Halvorson, L.M., Shaffer, J.I., & Williams Gynecology (3rd ed.), 796-807. McGraw Hill Education.</p> <p>McVary, K.T. (2015), Alterations in sexual function and reproduction. In D.L. Jameson, A.S. Fauci, D.L. Longo & J. Loscalzo (Eds.). <i>Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine</i> (19th ed.), 324-331. McGraw Hill Education.</p>
<p>2. Define body image and self-concept.</p>	<p>Body image is "A subjective picture of one's own physical appearance, usually formed by observation and by gauging the reaction of others" (Carmel, Colwell, & Goldberg, 2016). Sadock & Ruiz (2017) describe the components of body image as both perceptual and cognitive.</p> <p>Self-concept is an individual's inner perception of their identity, personality, and self-worth. A person's self-concept is shaped by an individual's beliefs, practices and principles. Self-concept and personal experiences reflect the unique nature of an individual.</p> <p>Reference Carmel, J.E., Colwell, J.C., & Goldberg, M. (2016). <i>Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing</i>. Elsevier.</p>

	<p><i>Core Curriculum Ostomy Management.</i> Wolters Kluwer.</p>
<p>3. Describe the potential impact of ostomy surgery on: body image, self-concept, and sexuality for men and women</p>	<p>Carmel and Scardillo (2016) describe the process of adapting to an ostomy as a step in reshaping an individual's body image, self-concept, and sexual function. The Ostomy Adjustment Inventory-23 is a self-report tool that helps the provider assess psychosocial adjustment to an ostomy. Identifying coping strategies, physical and emotional hurdles, & engaging support systems is an important initial step to positive adjustment. Patients may rely on an ostomy group, a church family or a family nucleus, to name a few.</p> <p>The impact of ostomy surgery includes mastering self-care procedures that are especially challenging for those with arthritic hands, and positive provider reinforcement. Concerns about pouch leakage, especially if the patient becomes isolated, fearing the company of others, and adjusting to the sight of ostomy contents, adjusting perhaps to a new style of clothing to accommodate the pouch, grieving over the loss of the old self and an altered body image. A woman may no longer be sexually attractive and feminine, as she defines it.</p> <p>After pelvic surgery, with cancer and radiation therapy, men can experience erectile dysfunction, retrograde ejaculation and loss of sexual desire. Women may experience vaginal dryness, loss of libido. With the rectum removed, the shape and angle of the vagina change, requiring experimenting with comfortable sexual positions. The stoma should not be used for sexual pleasure since insertion may damage the mucosa and lead to scarring and constriction.</p> <p>Reference</p> <p>Carmel, J.F. & Scardillo, J. (2016). Rehabilitation issues and special ostomy pouching. Carmel, Colwell, J.C., & M.T.Goldberg, (Eds). In <i>Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Core Curriculum Ostomy Management</i>, 148-156. Wolters Kluwer.</p>
<p>4. Identify safe sex considerations for the person with an ostomy.</p>	<p>Safe sex for a person with an ostomy includes a positive mental attitude and understanding that ostomy does not mean being asexual. An individual can be sexually active, and an ostomy pouch is not a disfigurement, deterring one from enjoying sex. It needs to be emptied and leakage can be checked, with the pouch emptied and cleaned beforehand.</p> <p>A patient can educate a sexual partner regarding the surgery and ostomy management, sexual positions, use of lubricants. Together they may explore pleasure areas, excluding the stoma, which may be damaged with insertion.</p> <p>Reference</p> <p>Carmel, J.F. & Scardillo, J. (2016). Rehabilitation issues and special ostomy pouching. Carmel, Colwell, J.C., & M.T.Goldberg, (eds). In <i>Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Core Curriculum Ostomy Management</i>, 148-156. Wolters Kluwer.</p>

5. Provide an example for each of the categories listed below and relate how it promotes healthy body image for the person with an ostomy:

- Undergarments
- Odor control
- Pouch modifications

Undergarment

Brandee Appeldoorn of Weistminster, California invented the Ostomy Garment patent #10015997B2 for a garment that contains a pocket for an ostomy pouch. The pouch lays against the user. It has two bands encircling the garment for secure fit and two additional bands at the midline, along the length of the pocket. This design for an ostomy pouch, enhances comfort and confidence while physically active. All of these features promote a healthy body image, as well.

Reference

United States Patent Documents, July 10, 2018, 1-4. US 10,015,997B2

Odor control

Smart UnderWear was developed by the Tackling Ageing (sic) Continence Tools and Technology consortium in the U.K. Smart UnderWear was designed to detect leakage and make the user aware before urine spreads to outer clothing and increases user confidence, decreases anxiety and the embarrassment of leakage.

Smart UnderWear is a washable product with sensor threads and a remote that vibrates three times when threads become wet.

Reference

Long, A., Edwards, J., Worthington, J., Heuvel, E.V.D. (2015). Clinical evaluation of smart underwear designed to detect urine leakage from continence pads. *Journal of Wound Care and Continence Nursing*, 42(6), 632-639.

Pouch modifications

Dennis M.Kay invented an ostomy pouch with a faceplate that contours to the abdomen. His patent # US 4596566A It is a custom design that enhances comfort on the body and eliminates bulky drain valves and unsightly bulges. It has a protective faceplate over the stoma, protecting the stoma if an object may impact the faceplate. The faceplate is removed from the faceplate so that irrigation and cleansing can be done through the pouch while it is attached to the body. A vacuum can be created in the chamber of the faceplate, allowing it to adhere to the body.

Reference

United States Patent Documents, June 24, 1986. US4596566A

6. Explain how the PLISSIT model guides the conversation on sexual intimacy.

The PLISSIT model, developed by psychologist Jack Annon, has four levels: Permission, Understanding limited information, Specific Suggestions, and Intensive Therapy. These levels guide conversation and help the WOC know when to intervene on sexual questions and issues. It is a succinct method for introducing sex into a clinical conversation.

The permission stage is the exploratory phase. The individual acknowledges that a problem exists and help is needed to discuss sexual concerns. The WOC uses empathy and open ended questions. The WOC should relay that the patient is not alone with this problem. For example, the WOC may say to the patient that it is common for people with a recent ostomy to experience sexual difficulties. Please feel free to ask me about this.

ask you several questions as well.

In the understanding-limited information phase, the WOC takes a sexual problems and explores the patient's expectations. Formulating a patient shared decision making requires a team approach that in turn facilitates patient goal in this level is to educate the patient and provide facts. The hope is to be understanding of treatment and their side effects, psychosocial changes and may explain the workload of the heart and organs during sexual activity, for

The Specific Suggestion level reassures and arms the patient with resources sexuality. The WOC informs the patient of anticipated potential effects of tr sexuality. Guidance may be offered by suggesting a pouch cover, mini pouch underwear to enhance sexual intimacy.

The intensive therapy stage addresses psychological, interpersonal and p usually requires referral to a therapist or a specially trained counselor.

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