

## Scenario 5: Anaphylaxis

- 1) List in order of priority your initial nursing actions identified for Charlie Snow based on physical findings and family interaction.
  - a. Administer Epinephrine
  - b. Airway patency
  - c. Administer O2
  - d. Vital sign check q 5 minutes
  - e. Fluids
  - f. Administer all ordered medications
- 2) What complications might Charlie Snow face if symptoms are not recognized and treated in a timely manner?
  - a. Charlie can face anaphylactic shock causing his blood pressure to decrease. Anaphylactic shock can result in organ failure.
- 3) What key elements would you include in the handoff report for this patient? Consider the situation-background-assessment-recommendation (SBAR) format.
  - a. Situation: Charlie is a 6-year-old male that comes to the hospital with his aunt and uncle for an anaphylactic reaction
  - b. Background: Patient has an allergy to peanuts and accidentally consumed a peanut butter cookie containing peanuts. Charlie's mom and dad are overseas.
  - c. Assessment: Patient is alert and oriented. A saline lock has been placed on Charlie's left arm and is intact and dry, without redness. Charlie is not experiencing any pain, but tachycardia and dyspnea with mild stridor is presented.
  - d. Recommendation; Monitor vital signs every 5 minutes. Patient given a normal saline bolus, epinephrine, diphenhydramine, ranitidine, and methylprednisolone.
- 4) Reflecting on Charlie Snow's case, were there any actions you would do differently? If so, what were these actions, and why would you do them differently?
  - a. Practice the 7 rights of medication, and be better about it. I must remember to use a consent for when parents are not present.
- 5) Describe how you would apply the knowledge and skills that you obtained in Charlie Snow's case to an actual patient care situation.
  - a. I will do better care of an actual patient by having the opportunity to do hands-on patient care. Reading rationales on my errors helped tremendously, and I plan to use the learning experience in real life scenerios.