

Medical Case 1: Kenneth Bronson

Guided Reflection Questions

1. How did the scenario make you feel?
 - This scenario made me feel more confident in what to do for a patient that is going into anaphylactic shock. But at the same time, it also was stressful.
2. What signs and symptoms led you to the conclusion that Kenneth Bronson was experiencing an allergic reaction?
 - He had trouble breathing right after I started the ceftriaxone and, I believed he stated that he felt like his throat was going to close.
3. Discuss the differences between mild, moderate, and severe anaphylactic reactions.
 - Mild may be just a rash or itching of the throat and usually can be taken care of relatively quickly. A moderate anaphylactic shock is similar to mild but a little more severe in the case where they are experiencing all the swelling of the lips, throat. Severe can be life threatening because it can completely close off the airway.
4. Discuss the importance of follow-up assessment's post-reaction.
 - We want to make sure that he is not going to have a delay reaction from the med still being in his system. So, we keep an eye out for it if it does happen.
5. What further needs does Kenneth Bronson have at the end of the scenario that future nursing care should address?
 - He still needs his temperature to be addressed and also he needs a different kind of antibiotics, He may also need to be on continuous monitoring for a little bit to make sure a delayed reaction doesn't happen
6. Reflect on how you would communicate with family members in an emergency if they were present at the bedside.
 - I would state things in a calm manner and not freak them out. Even if I was panicky and worried, I would not let my face show that, so they don't worry and know that I have it under control.
7. After completing the simulation and reflecting on your experience, what would you do differently (or the same) for the patient experiencing acute respiratory distress?
 - I would've probably put him on a different type of oxygen therapy mask than a simple mask but that is all that is provided at that time.
8. How could you prepare for clinical in order to plan for potential patient emergencies?
 - I could look at the potential side effects of the meds before giving them and always ask if they have received this med before because if not something like this may happen.