

### Scenario 3: Dehydration

- 1) **List in order of priority your initial nursing actions identified for Eva Madison based on physical findings and family interaction.**

My initial priority nursing actions were to manage the pain that Eva was having and follow the orders I had from the doctor. I first began by identifying the patient, following taking vitals and assessing pain. After this I was able to perform my assessments and provide the child comfort measures by giving her a stuffed dog. Following this I called to doctor about the patient's pain to see what I was able to give. Then I proceeded with my orders by starting an IV and obtaining a urinalysis and stool culture.

- 2) **What complications might Eva Madison face if her symptoms are not recognized and treated in a timely manner?**

The complications that Eva may face if her symptoms are not recognized early and treated in a timely manner are neurological issues. Dehydration can also cause hypovolemic shock and urinary problems. This issue not only effects the urinary tract but the kidneys as well.

- 3) **What measures should be initiated to decrease anxiety in Eva Madison's mother while simultaneously caring for Eva?**

Patient education is an important component for Eva's mother to have. Not only is it important for her to understand the severity of this condition but it is crucial for her mother to know and be able to detect early signs of this issue when at home. While in the hospital the nurse could tie in education points during the care of this child and include the mother in them to allow her an opportunity to learn and be familiar with the situation taking place.

- 4) **Reflecting on Eva Madison's case, were there any actions you would do differently? If so, what were these actions, and why would you do them differently?**

Starting off I would provide more education and change how I performed my assessments differently. Initially I didn't go in the order I should have while doing my vital signs which is something I would of liked to differently. Other than going slightly out of the order I would have liked to, the other thing I would have done differently is provide Eva as well as her mom with more education.

- 5) **Describe how you would apply the knowledge and skills you obtained in Eva Madison's case to an actual patient care situation.**

I would apply the knowledge and skills I obtained in Eva's case to an actual patient care situation by using the order in which I was able to provide care. I would first gather all the information I needed such as vitals and complete my assessments before calling the doctor to verify what I could give for the pain the patient had since there was nothing ordered. Following this I would try to educate her as well as her family as much as I could about the situation.