

Scenario 5: Anaphylaxis

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

Assess respiratory status, check vitals, administer O2, elevate head of bed, obtains consents, check allergies, administer medications

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

He could go into anaphylactic shock which drops the patients blood pressure and narrows the airways making it increasingly difficult to breath causing respiratory depression.

- 3) **What key elements would you include in the handoff report for this patient? Consider the situation-background-assessment-recommendation (SBAR) format.**

Patients name, dob, reason for admission, brief medical history, respiratory assessment findings and interventions given, current status and monitor for changes

- 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?**

Yes, I felt I did not respond to the issue fast enough. During an anaphylaxis episode, I think medications would need to be administered more quickly to prevent anaphylaxis shock.

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

I think just understanding the signs of anaphylactic shock are something that need to be recognized and addressed quickly. I would hope my responsiveness to this situation would be calm and quick to help the patient as soon as possible before any complications arise.