

Medical Case 1: Kenneth Bronson

Guided Reflection Questions

1. How did the scenario make you feel?

The scenario was relatable because I feel like lots of patients have drug allergies and it is important to know what to do when someone starts having a reaction. I was prepared in the fact I stopped the infusion of ceftriaxone and called the provider to see what I should do next.

2. What signs and symptoms led you to the conclusion that Kenneth Bronson was experiencing an allergic reaction?

As soon as I administered the ceftriaxone, Kenneth started gasping for air and explained he had difficulty breathing.

3. Discuss the differences between mild, moderate, and severe anaphylactic reactions.

Mild – local reaction such as itching, redness, hives

Moderate – could lead to trouble breathing along with mild symptoms

Severe – life threatening symptoms such as edema, difficulty breathing, severe itching and hives

4. Discuss the importance of follow-up assessments post-reaction.

It is important to follow up and provide education on how to prevent an allergic reaction again. Also, following up is important to make sure there is not a reaction that occurs later on.

5. What further needs does Kenneth Bronson have at the end of the scenario that future nursing care should address?

Future nursing care should always address his allergies to prevent another reaction. This should be documented in his chart.

6. Reflect on how you would communicate with family members in an emergency situation if they were present at the bedside.

I would remain calm and inform them I was doing everything I can to save Kenneth, first thing being stopping the infusion. Remaining calm yet attentive to Kenneth will prevent chaos from the family.

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 stop the infusion right away and call the physician to get orders in for necessary medications to allow the patient to breathe. There is not anything I would do differently.

8. How could you prepare for clinical in order to plan ahead for potential patient emergencies?

Always asking patients if they have allergies before administering any medications would prevent future reactions.