

Surgical Case 3: Doris Bowman

Guided Reflection Questions

1. How did the scenario make you feel? It went well. Overall, I felt comfortable with the scenario and handled it well.
2. What further intervention would have been required if naloxone hydrochloride (Narcan) had not been effective in this case? If it wasn't effective on time, I would try to repeat the dosing necessary for signs of overdose and possible increase oxygen.
3. Discuss readiness for discharge from PACU criteria. The patient must have vital signs within normal limits and not be showing signs of distress.
4. What key elements would you include in the handoff report for this patient? Consider the SBAR (situation, background, assessment, recommendation) format. That Doris Bowman had a total abdominal hysterectomy and salpingo-oophorectomy on anesthesia, That she was given 2mg Morphine IV push and went into respiratory distress. She has a foley catheter in, pulse:107,temp 99, pain at a 5, BP is 142/80, O2: 93%, a clean intact abdominal incision and NS at 125/hr.
5. What further complications could have occurred if the respiratory depression had not resolved? Co2 increases and o2 decreases leading to hypoxia, altered LOC, and other signs of decreased oxygenation to vital organs which can cause seizures or possible other injury.
6. If Doris Bowman's family members had been present during the scenario, describe how you would support them when her condition deteriorated. I would discuss the importance of the morphine dose and explain to them that this can be a normal side effect. I would try to maintain a calm, reassuring tone and reassure them that we are doing everything we can to reverse adverse effects. I would also provide continuous emotional support.
7. What would you do differently if you were to repeat this scenario? How would your patient care change? If I were to repeat this scenario I would ensure that I was giving the correct amount of oxygen as well as ventilation support while assessing the airway, and continue to monitor the patient for respiratory changes.