

Medical Case 1: Kenneth Bronson

Guided Reflection Questions

1. How did the scenario make you feel?
This scenario slightly stressed me out because I did not expect the patient to have a reaction to the ceftriaxone. I feel like reactions like that are rarely seen. and it did have a rapid onset. The program itself also responded slowly compared to a real-life situation, so waiting for a response was frustrating.
2. What signs and symptoms led you to the conclusion that Kenneth Bronson was experiencing an allergic reaction?
He started having difficulty breathing, tachypnea, and urticaria on his chest. It was very evident he was struggling and not feeling well after giving the medication.
3. Discuss the differences between mild, moderate, and severe anaphylactic reactions.
Mild anaphylactic reactions mostly just involve skin problems like a rash or itchiness. When breathing difficulties begin that is when it will progress to moderate. When both respiratory and changes to cardiovascular system, like paleness and dizziness., then it becomes severe.
4. Discuss the importance of follow-up assessments post-reaction.
It is important to perform follow-up assessment after a reaction because we want to ensure that the original interventions worked and to make sure a secondary anaphylactic reaction does not occur again.
5. What further needs does Kenneth Bronson have at the end of the scenario that future nursing care should address?
The nurse should address and educate him about his smoking because it is a risk factor to pneumonia.
6. Reflect on how you would communicate with family members in an emergency situation if they were present at the bedside.
If the family were present at the bedside at the time of the reaction, I would explain everything that is happening and nurse out loud so they can understanding what and why I am doing to help the patient.
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 think I would mostly do the same, except I would call for help. I personally would like to stay with my patient or always have a nurse with my patient in case another serious complication could occur when I am calling the healthcare provider.
8. How could you prepare for clinical in order to plan ahead for potential patient emergencies?
I could review signs and symptoms of anaphylactic reactions and the common drugs used to reverse it. Also always remember to ask the patient if they have any medication allergies we should be aware of.