

## Surgical Case 5: Lloyd Bennett

### Guided Reflection Questions

1. How did the scenario make you feel?

This scenario did not make me feel any type of way. I knew exactly what I needed to do regarding blood transfusions and all the checks it needed to go through prior to admin. I knew what to do as well when I realized the patient was having a reaction.

2. Prior to blood administration, what assessments of the blood product and the patient are required to promote safe delivery and lessen potential complications?

The blood needs to be verified by two nurses. Consents need to be signed by the patient. The IV should be assessed prior to administration of the blood. Most importantly, the patient needs to be educated on what the signs and symptoms of a blood transfusion reaction are and when to report.

3. What signs and symptoms first indicated the patient was having a transfusion reaction?

The patient reported back pain minutes after the infusion was started.

4. Review the immediate priorities when a transfusion reaction occurs and the rationale for each.

The transfusion should be immediately stopped to prevent further reactions. IV lines should be switched out. Assess the client for any other reactions. The healthcare provider needs to be notified. The blood bank should be contacted as well so they can investigate if there was something wrong with the blood that may have caused the reaction.

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

I would start with by saying the patient's reason for being admitted, the surgery he had, lab results, and the symptoms he has been complaining of. Then I would talk about the surgical site and that the dressing was already changed. For the assessment part, I would talk about how the blood transfusion went and what was ordered after the reaction. Lastly, I would recommend continuous vital sign monitoring and mention that I already has NS running.

6. What follow-up blood work may be required?

A CBC should be done to review RBC, platelets, and WBC. The HgB and Hct should be checked again via a BMP.

7. What follow-up disclosure is required with Lloyd Bennett and his family?

They should be informed about his reaction to the blood transfusion for future treatment if it is needed. They should also be told that the blood bank was contacted to look for the reason as to why he has a blood transfusion reaction

8. What would you do differently if you were to repeat this scenario? How would your patient care change?

I would not do anything differently because I felt like I had complete control and knowledge of the situation. I knew what I was doing and I was confident in every thing I did.