

Pediatric Case 5: Charlie Snow

Documentation Assignments

1. Document your initial focused assessment of Charlie Snow.
The first assessment I completed on Charlie was a respiratory assessment. I checked respirations and listened to breath sounds. I also noticed his O₂ was lower than 94% so I had to place a nonrebreather mask on Charlie. Later his O₂ was around 96% so I replaced the nonrebreather with a nasal canula at 2L as providers orders stated.
2. Identify and document key nursing diagnoses for Charlie Snow.
Charlie experienced anaphylaxis. Some nursing diagnoses are Ineffective breathing pattern, impaired gas exchange, and decreased cardiac output.
3. Referring to your feedback log, document the nursing care you provided and Charlie Snow's response.
I provided care by assessing vital signs, monitoring charlies airway, basic safety precautions, administering medications, providing sufficient oxygen, asking the patient questions about past history, assessing pain, positioning the patient to the correct position, contacting the provider to inform her of the patient condition, and providing teaching to both the family and patient. Charlie wasn't breathing well at first and didn't feel well but after medication he stated that he felt a little bit better.
4. Document the patient teaching that you would provide before discharge.
I would inform the family that they need to have a epi-pen with them at all times. Inform them of any foods that the patient needs to avoid. They need to have an emergency pack with them including emergency contacts, instructions of what to do when experiencing an allergic reaction, and inform them to call 911 when it does happen. If possible always report to the emergency department when experiencing an allergic reaction. Notify the school about the childrens allergies and make sure the school has an epi-pen for the child.