

Surgery Work Sheet

1. Type of Surgery and explain in YOUR words about the surgery.

(Resection of the omental implant) This surgery was done to remove a mass so they can find out if it is cancerous. The patient was given Propofol with other drugs I did not get the names of but the medication knocked the patient out so fast. Prior to starting the patient had to receive a foley catheter. The patient was placed in Trendelenburg to move the organs around in the abdomen. The procedure was done by cutting a few holes in the stomach, blowing it up, and sticking a camera and basically small scissors that can burn as well. The work was tedious being very careful not to burn or cut anything else other than what needed to be cut out. They ended up finding another mass during the procedure. I believe I heard on was called a peritoneal lesion. The surgery was invasive and really interesting to see.

2. What were the medical reasons/cause for the surgery? The patient had colon cancer and had to get a hemicolectomy. When the patient came back to do a check up from the past surgery, they ended up finding a new mass.
3. From the History and Physical of the patient, what could contribute to any postoperative complications?
 - a. From the complication list TWO nursing interventions.

1. Respiratory issues could result
 - a. Elevate Head/lateral recovery position to avoid aspiration
 - b. Initiate breathing exercises such as turn, cough, deep breathe as soon as possible

Impaired Gas Exchange: monitoring pt. vital signs and checking the patients LOC. Give the patient an incentive spirometry to promote breathing.