Guided Reflection Questions for Surgical Case 3: Doris Bowman

Opening Phase

How did the scenario make you feel?

- **This scenario honestly caught me off guard and made me kind of nervous. I didn't expect things to start getting so serious so quickly after walking in and not seeing any concerns with the patient other than her pain. But it also helped me realize the importance of acting very quickly when it comes to opioid reactions.**

Scenario Analysis Questions*

S/PCC What further intervention would have been required if naloxone hydrochloride (Narcan) had not been effective in this case?

- **Mechanical ventilation would have been required to maintain oxygenation**

PCC/EBP/S Discuss readiness for discharge from PACU criteria.

- **The criteria includes being awake, oriented, alert and easy to arouse. The airway must be patent and vital signs must be stable.**

T&C/PCC/EBP What key elements would you include in the handoff report for this patient? Consider the SBAR (situation, background, assessment, recommendation) format.

- **Patients name, gender, and age.**
- **The patient's surgical procedure that was done**
- **Vital signs and abdominal sounds**
- **The reaction to the morphine and things done when she had the reaction**

S/PCC What further complications could have occurred if the respiratory depression had not resolved?

- **Death is a major complication that can result from opioid reactions due to the quick respiratory depression.**

Concluding Questions

If Doris Bowman's family members had been present during the scenario, describe how you would support them when her condition deteriorated.

- **I would have stayed calm and asked them to step outside so myself and the other healthcare team can take care of Doris and do everything possible to reverse the reaction.**
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What would you do differently if you were to repeat this scenario? How would your patient care change?

- **I wouldn't do anything else the moment I realized she was having a reaction. The moment her O2 started dropping, I would have made that my priority and stopped everything else I was doing or save it for later when I made her stable again.**

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