

Guided Reflection Questions for Surgical Case 2: Stan Checketts

Opening Questions

How did the scenario make you feel?

-This scenario made me more anxious than the first one because of all the orders. It is hard to remember the small things like flushing and assess iv site when you're on VSIM. I kept forgetting assessments and would have to go back and do them

Scenario Analysis Questions*

PCC/EBP/S When reflecting on the care of Stan Checketts, what are signs and symptoms you can assess in the next patient you care for who might be at risk for dehydration?

-Obtain a baseline of their condition and vitals so I can see improvement as I work through the orders given to me.

EBP/QI Discuss signs and symptoms of hypovolemic shock.

-Blood pressure decreases, HR increases, weak, fatigued, dry mucous membranes

PCC/EBP Discuss assessment and expected findings in a small bowel obstruction.

-cramping pain/ tenderness, inability to have a bowel movement or pass gas, pain worsens with movement

PCC/S/I/EBP What key questions does the nurse ask in an acute abdominal pain assessment?

-Where is the pain, what kind of pain, does anything make the pain better or worse, hx of illness

PCC/EBP/S In evaluating Stan Checketts' laboratory values, what if any abnormalities did you find?

-WBC was high, Hematocrit was high, NA was high, urea nitrogen, creatine, hemoglobin

PCC/EBP/S Stan Checketts had a nasogastric (NG) tube inserted for gastric decompression. What are the preferred methods for confirming placement of the NG tube?

Xray but also listening to the stomach and hearing the air release when pushed with a syringe

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

-Pt admitted with severe and pain, n/v for the past few days, And distended and tender, on intermittent suctioning with a ng tube, s/s of dehydration

Concluding Questions

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

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