

Guided Reflection Questions for Medical Case 3: Vincent Brody

Opening Questions

How did the scenario make you feel?

I felt confident during this scenario until my patient had a pneumo. After that happened, I panicked and forgot to get consents signed for the chest tube placement.

Scenario Analysis Questions*

PCC When a patient develops a rapid onset of shortness of breath, what are the nurse's immediate priorities?

Raise the HOB, assess respirations and lung sounds, apply supplemental O2

PCC What assessment findings would indicate that the patient's condition is worsening?
Sudden chest pain, decreasing O2 sats, decreased breath sounds

PCC/I Review Vincent Brody's laboratory results. Which results are abnormal? Discuss how these results relate to his clinical presentation and chronic disease process.

His ABGs and hematocrit were abnormal. His ABGs were abnormal which makes sense with a COPD exacerbation and his hematocrit levels are seemingly unrelated.

PCC/S What are safety considerations when caring for a patient with a chest tube?

Make sure to avoid pulling on, clamping, milking, or rolling the patient onto the chest tube.

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

I would say that the patient is there for COPD exacerbation, he had a pneumo and now has a chest tube, I'd say what meds I gave and how much O2 he was on. I'd also say what his vital signs were. I'd recommend that they monitor the chest tube placement and output along with O2 sats/vital signs and respiratory status.

Concluding Questions

What patient teaching priorities would be important in the patient experiencing an acute exacerbation of COPD?

Teach the patient to find triggers, what to do if they begin to have more difficulty breathing, and when they should come into the hospital.

For a patient with COPD who is stable, what resources would you recommend?

COPD support groups and possible home health

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

I would remember to get the consents signed and give the morphine before the chest tube is inserted.

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