

Guided Reflection Questions for Surgical Case 2: Stan Checketts

Opening Questions

How did the scenario make you feel?

This was my second scenario so I felt a lot more comfortable and confident going into it . I tried to make a plan/list of what I was going to do and tried to stay focused.

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?

Dry skin , dry mucous membranes, poor skin turgor, very thirsty and less urine thn usual

EBP/QI Discuss signs and symptoms of hypovolemic shock.

Tachycardia quick/shallow breathing weakness confusion less urination, low bp and cool clammy skin

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

Abd cramping tenderness , not being able to have a bm or pass gass, rapid pulse, increased respirations,

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

If they have any pain, present illness, describe the pain and rate it , what makes it worse, when did the pain start and what happened to initiate it

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

Abnormal labs such as sodium, nitro, creatine, wbc hematocrit

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?

X ray

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 name age, medical condition he is presenting w now which is severe abd pain w n/v, abd distention and s/s of dehydration w decreases urine

Concluding Questions

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

I would not change anything. As I said before this was my second scenario so I had a better idea of what to expect

* *The Scenario Analysis Questions are correlated to the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) competencies: Patient-Centered Care (PCC), Teamwork and Collaboration (T&C), Evidence-Based Practice (EBP), Quality Improvement (QI), Safety (S), and Informatics (I). Find more information at: <http://qsen.org/>*