

## Guided Reflection Questions for Medical Case 3: Vincent Brody

### Opening Questions

How did the scenario make you feel?

- I was a little confused on this scenario. I felt like I did everything right, but I was just waiting on the doctor and just didn't happen. Eventually I did figure out what to do but I felt a little lost when I tried to do everything correctly.

### Scenario Analysis Questions\*

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

- Immediately assess the airway and auscultate the lungs.

**PCC** What assessment findings would indicate that the patient's condition is worsening?

- Like the scenario progressed, a patient will have tachycardia, dyspnea, and chest pain.

**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.

- As the patients ABG labs were processed, he was acidic and had a high bicarbonate.

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

- Making sure the room is clean and free of clutter because the chest tube drainage system will be on the floor. Also making sure that there is a sterile bottle of water and 4x4 just in case the tube should be ripped out of the chest.

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

- Vincent Brody is a 67-year-old male in for COPD exacerbation and pneumothorax. He is not allergic to anything. He has a chest tube in and will need to be continued to be monitored.

### Concluding Questions

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

- Some teaching points would be to try to stay active, take your required medications and eat healthy.

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

- I would recommend any brochures and community groups to try to connect to others that have COPD and how they deal with their everyday life.

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

- Now that I figured out how the scenario works I would make sure I administered the morphine for pain prior to the chest tube insertion.

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