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Guided Reflection Questions for Surgical Case 3: Doris Bowman

Opening Phase

How did the scenario make you feel?

Scenario Analysis Questions*

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

If the naloxone did not work, you would proceed with CPR or rescue breathing.

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

When a patient is ready for discharge they would have stable vital signs, pain under control, their LOC would be good, and other symptoms would 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.

You would need to ensure that the oncoming nurse knew about the reaction the patient had to their opioid medication and the interventions that were done to save their life. You would need to tell the oncoming nurse about their current vital signs, symptoms, and procedure that was completed.

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

If the respiratory distress was not resolved this patient could have passed away.

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 explain to the family what had occurred and what interventions we were doing to save their loved one's life.

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

If I was to repeat this scenario I would have been more aware of the possible need for naloxone due to the adverse effect of respiratory depression.

* *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/>*