Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing
AMSN 2024
Unit 6: Heart Failure online assignment (1.5H)

Directions:

- Read Lewis Chapter 38, review ATI Pharmacology Made Easy 4.0: Cardiovascular Module: Drug Therapy for Heart Failure, and review the Unit 6 Pharmacology List.
- Utilizing the resources above, complete the case study. There will be many items for each question.
- Utilizing the Pharmacology List and ATI/Skyscape, complete three ATI Medication Templates from the Pharmacology List.
- This assignment is due in the Unit 6: HF assignment drop box by March 11, 2024 at 0800.
- Be prepared to discuss this assignment in class.
- You must complete the assignment in full to receive the 1.5H theory credit.

Assignment Objectives:

- Determine overall goals in the treatment of heart failure.

CASE STUDY:

Frannie Failure, a patient on 4P, calls the nurse and states, "I feel really puffy. My rings feel so tight on my fingers and I am having trouble catching my breath." The patient is lying flat in the bed and is alert and oriented x 3. Normal saline 0.9% @ 125mL/HR is running.

Assessment:

- Vital Signs: T 97.9 oral, HR 120, RR 24, SpO2 86% RA, BP 152/94, pain 0/10.
- Respiratory: Lung sounds- crackles throughout bilaterally, non-productive cough.
- Cardiac: Heart sounds- S3, pedal pulses not palpable, 3+ pitting edema bilateral feet and ankles.
- Skin intact, pale and cool.
- Gastrointestinal: Bowel sounds x4 WNL, BM yesterday morning.
- Intake/Output: Patient has had 900ml in and 200ml out over the last 8 hours.

1. **What additional information would you want/need to know**?
    a. **I would like to know how long the swelling of the extremities has been going on. Does the patient have another cardiac problems and does the family have a history of heart failure or any heart diseases.**
2. **What assessment/ interventions would be appropriate for this patient?**
    a. **Listening to lungs sounds, checking skin temperature, edema, pulses of the hand and feet, frequent vital signs**
3. **What would you anticipate the healthcare provider to order?**
    a. **Daily weights, fluid restriction, I/O and Lasix ordered.**

4. **What medications would be appropriate for this patient (include all pertinent from the Pharmacology List) ? Doses? Nursing Interventions? <u>You will pick three of these medications to complete the ATI Medication Templates.</u>**
    a. **Medication templates are included in the dropbox**
5. **What patient education would you include?**
    a. **Some patient education that I would include is to have them monitor for signs and symptoms of heart failure so they're aware of what to look out fr. The restrictions that they should follow and foods to avoid. Education about medication compliance and when and how much to take. As well as the important side effects and went to report and symptoms.**