

Surgical Case 2: Stan Checketts

Documentation Assignments

1. Document your focused assessment of Stan Checketts' abdomen.
 - a. My assessment including lightly palpating the abdomen and auscultating for present of bowel sounds.
2. Document immediate priority actions related to the treatment of hypovolemic shock.
 - a. Priority actions would include obtaining vital signs, administering an isotonic solution, an ECG, CBC, and a CMP. I would also administer oxygen.
3. Document the changes in Stan Checketts' vital signs throughout the scenario.
 - a. After administering oxygen, his heart rate came down just slightly. I also raised the patient's bed to 30 degrees in the semi-fowler's position. His oxygen levels increased and his other vitals began to come within normal range at a slow rate.
4. Identify and document key nursing diagnoses for Stan Checketts.
 - a. Key diagnoses were small bowel obstruction, hypovolemic shock, hypernatremia, and hyperchloremia.
5. Referring to your feedback log, document the nursing care you provided.
 - a. I provided 2L of oxygen immediately to the patient and raised the head of the bed 30 degrees for increased oxygen perfusion. I also obtain baseline vital signs and began ECG monitoring. According to the doctor's order I administered pain medication and nausea medication after assessment of the patient's pain and discomfort.