

Swift River Discussion Questions

Is the setting appropriate to care for this client? Why or why not?

- What considerations (culture, literacy, religious, diet, economic, education, pronouns, gender identity, etc.) should you address when caring for this client?

For this client, you should consider all of the following when addressing the care for them, culture, literacy, religious, diet, economic, education, pronouns, gender identity, etc. All of these aspects of the client are important to consider when providing care for the client.

- What resources or supplies will you need when caring for this client?

When caring for this client the nurse will need to have a stethoscope and a vitals cart.

Clinical Judgement Questions

Recognize Cues (Assessment)

- Was the report effective for you to care for this client?

Yes, the report was effective for me to care for this client.

- What information is missing from the scenario and is needed to effectively care for the client?

The information that is missing from the scenario that is needed to effectively care for the client is the last time that medications were taken.

- What information was relevant to the client's condition?

The information that was relevant to the client's condition was the assessment findings and vital signs.

- What subtle changes did you recognize in the client's condition? What condition were the subtle changes in the client's health status related to?

I noticed subtle changes in the client's vital signs and cardiovascular assessment. The condition these changes were related to was an acute myocardial infarction.

Analyze Cues (Analysis)

- Compare the client findings to the evidence-based resources and standards of care.

Evidence-based resources say that frequent vital sign assessments are important for client care and this was done with this client.

- What are the specific needs of this client?

The specific needs of this client are education about diet, medication adherence, and post-operative care.

- What are the potential complications this client may experience?

Some of the potential complications this client may experience are a heart attack, hemorrhage, and infection.

- What findings are of immediate concern for this client?

The findings that are of immediate concern for this client are the client's oxygen saturation level and the client's cardiovascular assessment.

Prioritize Hypotheses (Analysis)

- Identify and rank the top three problems for this client. Provide a rationale for your decision on the rank order.

1. Decreased oxygenation
2. Decreased cardiac output
3. Decreased tissue perfusion

I ranked the three problems in this order based on ABCs.

Generate Solutions (Planning)

- What interprofessional health care team member will need to be included in establishing a plan of care?

A cardiologist and a dietitian will need to be included in establishing a plan of care.

Take Actions (Implementation)

- Identify the nursing actions that should be taken based on the prioritized client problems.

The nursing actions that should be taken based on the prioritized client problems are elevating the head of the bed, administering oxygen as prescribed, monitoring vital signs.

- Identify the potential impact the nursing action has on the client outcomes.

These nursing actions will have a positive impact on the client outcomes. Elevating the head of the bed and administering oxygen will increase the client's oxygen saturation levels and monitoring vital signs will notify the nurse of any cardiac changes.

Evaluate Outcomes (Evaluation)

- What responses by the client would indicate that the nursing actions were effective?

The client expressing that they are having an easier time with breathing would indicate that the nursing actions were effective.

- What are the safety concerns you identified caring for the client(s)?

The safety concerns that I identified caring for the client are that the client is at risk for a heart attack, the client's oxygen saturation and respiratory assessment are concerning as well as the client's cardiovascular assessment.

Reflection Questions

Evaluate your ability to care for the client(s). What did you do well, and what could have been improved?

- Discuss what information you would need to know prior to caring for this client if you could do this over.

I would need to know medications and more assessment data.

- What do you know now that you did not know prior to completing this case?

I now know the complications of a cardiac catheterization.

- How will this experience change the way you care for clients in the future?

I will have further assessment skills and know signs and symptoms to look for in someone who is experiencing a myocardial infarction.

- Describe what you learned and how you will learn from this experience.

I learned a lot about cardiac catheterization. I also learned signs and symptoms including assessment findings that are found in a client who is experiencing a myocardial infarction. I also learned about how to administer medications.