

Guided Reflection Questions for Surgical Case 5: Lloyd Bennett

Opening Questions

How did the scenario make you feel?

I felt pretty confident while doing the scenario, it was clear and precise.

Scenario Analysis Questions*

PCC/S/EBP Prior to blood administration, what assessments of the blood product and the patient are required to promote safe delivery and lessen potential complications?

Checked the blood product with another RN, right blood type, person, rate, medications, allergies, educated patient on the sign and symptoms of reactions and what to report to nurse in charge and document vitals and any changes to physician.

PCC What signs and symptoms first indicated the patient was having a transfusion reaction?

Back pain, fever, and hypotension.

PCC/EBP Review the immediate priorities when a transfusion reaction occurs and the rationale for each.

Stopped the transfusion so that the patient doesn't get worse, continue to monitor vital signs closely to know if patient is stable or not, call the provider to get new orders to make the patient feel better and prevent complications.

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

Situation: Patient had a transfusion reaction, blood bank contacted.

Background: Pt is a 76-year-old male, hemoglobin level 6.9 g/dl, no previous allergies, left arthroplasty done yesterday, 2 units packed o red blood cells given, and pt quick smoking 10 years ago.

Assessment: AAOX4, complained of back pain, 0.9 normal saline given at 100 ml/hr, transfusion stopped, wound in left hip intact, no swelling or sign of infection noted.

Recommendation: Continue to monitor vital signs every 15 minutes, call the physician if patient gets worse, continue to educate, and closely monitor patient.

Concluding Questions

What follow-up blood work may be required?

CBC, urine sample, type and cross, antibody screen of donor blood with the patient.

What follow-up disclosure is required with Lloyd Bennett and his family?

I would educate the family on the reactions the patient had, what they can do to manage the patient, for example I would educate them about safety precautions since the patient had hypotension and pain management as well.

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

I wouldn't do anything different since I did pretty good only one time and I got 100.

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