

**DO NOT delegate what you can EAT!**

**E - evaluate**

**A - assess**

**T - teach**

addisons= down, down down up down

cushings= up up up down up

addisons= hyponatremia, hypotension, decreased blood vol, hyperkalemia, hypoglycemia

cushings= hypernatremia, hypertension, increased blood vol, hypokalemia, hyperglycemia

No Pee, no K (do not give potassium without adequate urine output)

EleVate Veins; dAngle Arteries for better perfusion

**A= appearance (color all pink, pink and blue, blue [pale])**

**P= pulse (>100, < 100, absent)**

**G= grimace (cough, grimace, no response)**

**A= activity (flexed, flaccid, limp)**

**R= respirations (strong cry, weak cry, absent)**

**TRANSMISSION-BASED PRECAUTIONS:**

**AIRBORNE**

**My - Measles**

**Chicken - Chicken Pox/Varicella**

**Hez - Herpez Zoster/Shingles**

**TB**

or remember...

**MTV=Airborne**

**Measles**

**TB**

**Varicella-Chicken Pox/Herpes Zoster-Shingles**

**Private Room - negative pressure with 6-12 air exchanges/hr**

**Mask, N95 for TB**

**DROPLET**

**think of SPIDERMAN!**

**S - sepsis**

**S - scarlet fever**

**S - streptococcal pharyngitis**

**P - parvovirus B19**

**P - pneumonia**

**P - pertussis**

**I - influenza**

**D - diptheria (pharyngeal)**

**E - epiglottitis**

**R - rubella**

**M - mumps**

**M - meningitis**

**M - mycoplasma or meningeal pneumonia**

**An - Adenovirus**

**Private Room or cohort**

**Mask**

## **CONTACT PRECAUTION**

### **MRS.WEE**

- M - multidrug resistant organism**
- R - respiratory infection**
- S - skin infections \***
- W - wound infxn**
- E - enteric infxn - clostridium difficile**
- E - eye infxn - conjunctivitis**

## **SKIN INFECTIONS**

### **VCHIPS**

- V - varicella zoster**
- C - cutaneous diphtheria**
- H - herpes simplex**
- I - impetigo**
- P - pediculosis**
- S - scabies**

1. **Air/Pulmonary Embolism** (S&S: chest pain, difficulty breathing, tachycardia, pale/cyanotic, sense of impending doom) --> turn pt to **left** side and **lower** the head of the bed.
2. **Woman in Labor w/ Un-reassuring FHR** (late decels, decreased variability, fetal bradycardia, etc) --> turn on **left** side (and give O2, stop Pitocin, increase IV fluids)
3. **Tube Feeding w/ Decreased LOC** --> position pt on **right** side (promotes emptying of the stomach) with the **HOB elevated** (to prevent aspiration)
4. **During Epidural Puncture** --> **side-lying**
5. **After Lumbar Puncture** (and also oil-based Myelogram)--> pt lies in **flat supine** (to prevent headache and leaking of CSF)
6. **Pt w/ Heat Stroke** --> lie **flat w/ legs elevated**
7. **During Continuous Bladder Irrigation (CBI)** --> catheter is taped to thigh so leg should be kept straight. No other positioning restrictions.
8. **After Myringotomy** --> position on side of **affected ear** after surgery (allows drainage of secretions)
9. **After Cataract Surgery** --> pt will sleep on **unaffected side** with a night shield for 1-4 weeks.
10. **After Thyroidectomy** --> low or semi-Fowler's, support head, neck and shoulders.
11. **Infant w/ Spina Bifida** --> position **prone** (on abdomen) so that sac does not rupture
12. **Buck's Traction** (skin traction) --> elevate foot of bed for counter-traction
13. **After Total Hip Replacement** --> don't sleep on operated side, don't flex hip more than 45-60 degrees, don't elevate HOB more than 45 degrees. Maintain hip abduction by separating thighs with pillows.
14. **Prolapsed Cord** --> knee-chest position or Trendelenburg

15. **Infant w/ Cleft Lip** --> position on back or in infant seat to prevent trauma to suture line. While feeding, hold in upright position.

16. **To Prevent Dumping Syndrome** (post-operative ulcer/stomach surgeries) --> eat in reclining position, lie down after meals for 20-30 minutes (also restrict fluids during meals, low CHO and fiber diet, small frequent meals)

17. **Above Knee Amputation** --> elevate for first 24 hours on pillow, position prone daily to provide for hip extension.

18. **Below Knee Amputation** --> foot of bed elevated for first 24 hours, position prone daily to provide for hip extension.

19. **Detached Retina** --> area of detachment should be in the dependent position

20. **Administration of Enema** --> position pt in **left side-lying** (Sim's) with knee flexed

21. **After Supratentorial Surgery** (incision behind hairline) --> elevate HOB 30-45 degrees

22. **After Infratentorial Surgery** (incision at nape of neck)--> position pt **flat** and lateral on either side.

23. **During Internal Radiation** --> on **bedrest** while implant in place

24. **Autonomic Dysreflexia/Hyperreflexia** (S&S: pounding headache, profuse sweating, nasal congestion, goose flesh, bradycardia, hypertension) --> place client in **sitting position (elevate HOB) first before any other implementation.**

25. **Shock** --> bedrest with extremities elevated 20 degrees, knees straight, head slightly elevated (modified Trendelenburg)

26. **Head Injury** --> elevate HOB 30 degrees to decrease intracranial pressure

27. **Peritoneal Dialysis when Outflow is Inadequate** --> turn pt from side to side **BEFORE** checking for kinks in tubing (according to Kaplan)

28. **Lumbar puncture** => AFTER the procedure, the client should be placed in the supine position for 4 to 12 hrs as prescribed. (Saunders 3rd ed p. 229)

Demorol for pancreatitis, NOT morphine sulfate

Myasthenia Gravis: worsens with exercise and improves with rest.

Myasthenia Crisis: a positive reaction to Tensilon--will improve symptoms

Cholinergic Crisis: caused by excessive medication-stop med-giving Tensilon will make it worse

Head injury medication: Mannitol (osmotic diuretic)-crystallizes at room temp so ALWAYS use filter needle

Prior to a liver biopsy its important to be aware of the lab result for prothrombin time

From the a\*\* (diarrhea)= metabolic acidosis

From the mouth (vomitus)=metabolic alkalosis

**Myxedema/hypothyroidism:** slowed physical and mental function, sensitivity to cold, dry skin and hair

**Graves' disease/hyperthyroidism:** accelerated physical and mental function; sensitivity to heat, fine/soft hair

**Thyroid storm:** increased temp, pulse and HTN

**Post-thyroidectomy:** semi-Fowler's, prevent neck flexion/hyperextension, trach at bedside

**Hypo-parathyroid:** CATS – convulsions, arrhythmias, tetany, spasms, stridor (decreased calcium), high Ca, low phosphorus diet

**Hyper-parathyroid:** fatigue, muscle weakness, renal calculi, back and [joint pain](#) (increased calcium), low Ca, high phosphorus diet

**Hypovolemia** – increased temp, rapid/weak pulse, increase [respiration](#), hypotension, anxiety, urine specific gravity >1.030

**Hypervolemia** – bounding pulse, SOB, dyspnea, rales/crackles, peripheral [edema](#), HTN, urine specific gravity <1.010; Semi-Fowler's

**Diabetes Insipidus (decreased ADH):** excessive urine output and thirst, dehydration, weakness, administer Pitressin

**SIADH (increased ADH):** change in LOC, decreased deep tendon reflexes, tachycardia, n/v/a, HA; administer Demecolm, diuretics

**Hypokalemia:** muscle weakness, dysrhythmias, increase K (raisins, bananas, apricots, oranges, beans, potatoes, carrots, celery)

**Hyperkalemia:** MURDER – muscle weakness, urine (oliguria/anuria), respiratory depression, decreased cardiac contractility, ECG changes, reflexes

**Hypnatremia:** nausea, muscle cramps, increased ICP, muscular twitching, convulsion; osmotic diuretics, fluids

**Hypnatremia:** increased temp, weakness, disorientation/delusions, hypotension, tachycardia; hypotonic solution

**Hypocalcemia:** CATS – convulsions, arrhythmias, tetany, spasms and stridor

**Hypercalcemia:** muscle weakness, lack of coordination, abdominal pain, confusion, absent tendon reflexes, sedative effect on CNS

**HypoMg:** tremors, tetany, seizures, dysrhythmias, depression, confusion, dysphagia; dig toxicity

**HyperMg:** depresses the CNS, hypotension, facial flushing, muscle weakness, absent deep tendon reflexes, shallow respirations, emergency

**Addison's:** hypoNa, hyperK, hypoglycemia, dark pigmentation, decreased resistance to stress, fractures, alopecia, [weight loss](#), GI distress

**Cushings:** hyperNa, hypoK, hyperglycemia, prone to infection, muscle wasting, weakness, edema, HTN, hirsutism, moonface/buffalo hump

**Addisonian crisis:** n/v, confusion, abdominal pain, extreme weakness, hypoglycemia, dehydration, decreased BP

**Pheochromocytoma:** hypersecretion of epi/norepi, persistent HTN, increased HR, hyperglycemia, diaphoresis, tremor, pounding HA; avoid stress, frequent bathing and rest breaks, avoid cold and stimulating foods, surgery to remove tumor

1. Neuroleptic malignant [syndrome](#) (NMS):

-NMS is like S&M;

-you get hot (hyperpyrexia)

-stiff (increased [muscle tone](#))

-sweaty (diaphoresis)

-BP, pulse, and [respirations](#) go up &

-you start to drool

2. I kept forgetting which was dangerous when you're **pregnant**; regular measles (rubeola), or German measles (rubella), so remember:  
-never get pregnant with a German (rubella)

3. When drawing up **regular insulin** & NPH together, remember:  
-RN (regular comes before NPH)

4. Tetralogy of fallot; remember HOPS  
Think DROP(child drops to floor or squats) or POSH  
Defect, septal  
Right Ventricular hypertrophy  
Overriding aorts  
Pulmonary stenosis

5. MAOI's that are used as antidepressants:  
weird way to remember, I know. pirates say arrrr, so think; pirates take MAOI's when they're depressed.  
- explanation; MAOI's used for depression all have an arrr sound in the middle (Parnate, Marplan, Nardil)

Autonomic dysreflexia: potentially life threatening emergency  
- elevate head of bed to 90 degree  
- loosen constrictive clothing  
- assess for bladder distention and bowel impaction (triger)  
- Administer antihypertensive meds (may cause stroke, MI, seizure )

**easy way to remember MAOI'S!**  
**think of PANAMA!**  
**PA - parnate**  
**NA - nardil**  
**MA - marplan**

metallic bitter taste.

Digoxin-check pulse, less than 60 hold, check dig levels and potassium levels.

Amphojel: tx of GERD and kidney stones....watch out for contipation.

Vistaril: tx of anxiety and also itching...watch for dry mouth. given preop commonly

Versed: given for conscious sedation...watch for resp depression and hypotension

PTU and Tapazole- prevention of thyroid storm

Sinemet: tx of parkinson...sweat, saliva, urine may turn reddish brown occassionally...causes drowsiness

Artane: tx of parkinson..sedative effect also

Cogentin: tx of parkinson and extrapyramidal effects of other drugs

Tigan: tx of postop n/v and for nausea associated with gastroenteritis

Timolol (Timoptic)-tx of glaucoma

Bactrim: antibiotic..dont take if allergic to sulfa drugs...diarrhea common side effect...drink plenty of fluids

Gout Meds: Probenecid (Benemid), Colchicine, Allopurinol (Zyloprim)

Apresoline(hydralazine)-tx of HTN or CHF, Report flu-like symptoms, rise slowly from sitting/lying position; take with meals.

Bentyl: tx of irritable bowel....assess for anticholinergic side effects.

Calan (verapamil): calcium channel blocker: tx of HTN, angina...assess for constipation

Carafate: tx of duodenal ulcers..coats the ulcer...so take before meals.

Theophylline: tx of asthma or COPD..therap drug level: 10-20

Mucomyst is the antedote to tylenol and is administered orally

Diamox: tx of glaucoma, high altitude sickness...dont take if allergic to sulfa drugs

Indocin: (nsaid) tx of arthritis (osteo, rheumatoid, gouty), bursitis, and tendonitis.

Synthroid: tx of hypothyroidism..may take several weeks to take effect...notify doctor of chest pain..take in the AM on empty stomach..could cause hyperthyroidism.

Librium: tx of alcohol w/d...dont take alcohol with this...very bad nausea and vomiting can occur.

Oncovin (vincristine): tx of leukemia..given IV ONLY

kwell: tx of scabies and lice...(scabies)apply lotion once and leave on for 8-12 hours...(lice) use the shampoo and leave on for 4 minutes with hair uncovered then rinse with warm water and comb with a fine tooth comb

Premarin:tx after menopause estrogen replacement

Dilantin: tx of seizures. thera drug level: 10-20

Navane: tx of schizophrenia..assess for EPS

Ritalin: tx of ADHD..assess for heart related side effects report immediately...child may need a drug holiday b/c it stunts growth.

dopamine (Intropine): tx of hypotension, shock, low cardiac output, poor perfusion to vital organs...monitor EKG for arrhythmias, monitor BP

Have trouble remembering fhr patterns in OB? Think VEAL CHOP

V C

E H

A O

L P

V = variable decels; C = cord compression caused

E = early decels; H = head compression caused

A = accels; O = okay, not a problem!

L = late decels = placental insufficiency, can't fill

For cord compression, place the mother in the TRENDELENBERG position because this removes pressure of the presenting part off the cord. (If her head is down, the baby is no longer being pulled out of the body by gravity)

If the cord is prolapsed, cover it with sterile saline gauze to prevent drying of the cord and to minimize infection.

For late decels, turn the mother to her left side, to allow more blood flow to the placenta.

For any kind of bad fetal heart rate pattern, you give O2, often by mask...

When doing an epidural anesthesia hydration before hand is a priority.

Hypotension and bradypnea / bradycardia are major risks and emergencies.

NEVER check the monitor or a machine as a first action. Always assess the patient first; for example listen to the fetal heart tones with a stethoscope in NCLEX land. Sometimes it's hard to tell who to check on first, the mother or the baby; it's usually easy to tell the right answer if the mother or baby involves a machine. If you're not sure who to check first, and one of the choices involves the machine, that's the wrong answer.

If the baby is a posterior presentation, the sounds are heard at the sides.

If the baby is anterior, the sounds are heard closer to midline, between the umbilicus and where you would listen to a posterior presentation.

If the baby is breech, the sounds are high up in the fundus near the umbilicus. If the baby is vertex, they are a little bit above the symphysis pubis.

Also for ventilator alarms

### **HOLD**

**High alarm-** Obstruction due to incr. secretions, kink, pt. coughs, gag or bites

**Low press alarm-** Disconnection or leak in ventilator or in pt. airway cuff, pt. stops spontaneous breathing

1. to remember blood sugar:

hot and dry-sugar high (hyperglycemia)

cold and clammy-need some candy (hypoglycemia)

2. ICP AND SHOCK HAVE OPPOSITE V/S

ICP-increased BP, decreased pulse, decreased resp.

shock- decreased BP, increased pulse, increased resp.

3. cor pulmonae: right sided heart failure caused by left ventricular failure (so pick edema, jvd, if it is a choice.)

4. heroin withdrawal neonate: irritable poor sucking

5. Jews: no meat and milk together

6. Brachial pulse: pulse area cpr on an infant.

7. Test child for lead poisoning around 12 months of age

8. bananas, potatoes, citrus fruits source of potassium

11. Cultures are obtained before starting IV antibiotics

12. a pt with leukemia may have epistaxis b/c of low platelets
13. best way to warm a newborn: skin to skin contact covered with a blanket on mom.
14. when a pt comes in and she is in active labor...nurse first action is to listen to fetal heart tone/rate
15. phobic disorders...use systematic desensitization.

#### NCLEX TIPS

1. When getting down to two answers, choose the assessment answer (assess, collect, auscultate, monitor, palpate) over the intervention except in an emergency or distress situation. If one answer has an absolute, discard it. Give priority to answers that deal directly to the patient's body, not the machines/equipments.
2. Key words are very important. Avoid answers with absolutes for example: always, never, must, etc.
3. with lower amputations patient is placed in prone position.
4. small frequent feedings are better than larger ones.
5. Assessment, teaching, meds, evaluation, unstable patient cannot be delegated to an Unlicensed Assistive Personnel.
6. LVN/LPN cannot handle blood.
7. Aminoglycosides (like vancomycin) cause nephrotoxicity and ototoxicity.
8. IV push should go over at least 2 minutes.
9. If the patient is not a child an answer with family option can be ruled out easily.
10. In an emergency, patients with greater chance to live are treated first
11. ARDS (fluids in alveoli), DIC (disseminated intravascular coagulation) are always secondary to something else (another disease process).
12. Cardinal sign of ARDS is hypoxemia (low oxygen level in tissues).
13. in pH regulation the 2 organs of concern are lungs/kidneys.
14. edema is in the interstitial space not in the cardiovascular space.
15. weight is the best indicator of dehydration
16. wherever there is sugar (glucose) water follows.
17. aspirin can cause Reye's syndrome (encephalopathy) when given to children
18. when aspirin is given once a day it acts as an antiplatelet.
19. use Cold for acute pain (eg. Sprain ankle) and Heat for chronic (rheumatoid arthritis)
20. guided imagery is great for chronic pain.
21. when patient is in distress, medication administration is rarely a good choice.
22. with pneumonia, fever and chills are usually present. For the elderly confusion is often present.
23. Always check for allergies before administering antibiotics (especially PCN). Make sure culture and sensitivity has been done before adm. First dose of antibiotic.
24. Cor pulmonale (s/s fluid overload) is Right sided heart failure caused by pulmonary disease, occurs with bronchitis or emphysema.
25. COPD is chronic, pneumonia is acute. Emphysema and bronchitis are both COPD.
26. in COPD patients the baroreceptors that detect the CO<sub>2</sub> level are destroyed. Therefore, O<sub>2</sub> level must be low because high O<sub>2</sub> concentration



blows the patient's stimulus for breathing.

27. exacerbation: acute, distress.

28. epi always given in TB syringe.

29. prednisone toxicity: cushing's syndrome= buffalo hump, moon face, high glucose, hypertension.

30. 4 options for cancer management: chemo, radiation, surgery, allow to die with dignity.

31. no live vaccines, no fresh fruits, no flowers should be used for neutropenic patients.

32. chest tubes are placed in the pleural space.

33. angina (low oxygen to heart tissues) = no dead heart tissues. MI= dead heart tissue present.

34. mevacor (anticholesterol med) must be given with evening meal if it is QD (per day).

35. Nitroglycerine is administered up to 3 times (every 5 minutes). If chest pain does not stop go to hospital. Do not give when BP is < 90/60.

36. Preload affects amount of blood that goes to the R ventricle. Afterload is the resistance the blood has to overcome when leaving the heart.

37. Calcium channel blocker affects the afterload.

38. for a CABG operation when the great saphenous vein is taken it is turned inside out due to the valves that are inside.

39. unstable angina is not relieved by nitro.

40. dead tissues cannot have PVC's (premature ventricular contraction. If left untreated pvc's can lead to VF (ventricular fibrillation).

41. 1 t (teaspoon)= 5 ml  
 1 T (tablespoon)= 3 t = 15 ml  
 1 oz= 30 ml  
 1 cup= 8 oz  
 1 quart= 2 pints  
 1 pint= 2 cups  
 1 gr (grain)= 60 mg  
 1 g (gram)= 1000 mg  
 1 kg= 2.2 lbs  
 1 lb= 16 oz

\* To convert Centigrade to F.  $F = C + 40$ , multiply  $9/5$  and subtract 40  
 \* To convert Fahrenheit to C.  $C = F + 40$ , multiply  $5/9$  and subtract 40.

42. angiotensin II in the lungs= potent vasodialator. Aldosterone attracts sodium.

43. REVERSE AGENTS FOR TOXICITY  
 heparin= protamine sulfate  
 coumadin= vitamin k  
 ammonia= lactulose  
 acetaminophen= n-Acetylcysteine.  
 Iron= deferoxamine  
 Digitoxin, digoxin= digibind.  
 Alcohol withdraw= Librium.

- methadone is an opioid analgesic used to detoxify/treat pain in narcotic addicts.  
 - [Potassium](#) potentiates dig toxicity.

44. heparin prevents platelet aggregation.

45. PT/PTT are elevated when patient is on coumadin

46. cardiac output decreases with dysrhythmias. Dopamine increases BP.

47. Med of choice for Vtach is lidocaine

48. Med of choice for SVT is adenosine or adenocard

49. Med of choice for Asystole (no heart beat) is atropine

50. Med of choice for CHF is Ace inhibitor.
51. Med of choice for anaphylactic shock is Epinephrine
52. Med of choice for Status Epilepticus is Valium.
53. Med of choice for bipolar is lithium.
54. Amiodorone is effective in both ventricular and atrial complications.
55. S3 sound is normal in CHF, not normal in MI.
56. give carafate (GI med) before meals to coat stomach
57. Protonix is given prophylactically to prevent stress ulcers.
58. after endoscopy check gag reflex.
59. TPN(total parenteral nutrition) given in subclavian line.
60. low residue diet means low fiber
61. diverticulitis (inflammation of the diverticulum in the colon) pain is around LL quadrant.
62. Appendicitis (inflammation of the appendix) pain is in RL quadrant with rebound tenderness.
63. portal hypotension + albuminemia= Ascites.
64. beta cells of pancreas produce insulin
65. Morphine is contraindicated in Pancreatitis. It causes spasm of the Sphincter of Oddi. Therefore Demerol should be given.
66. Trousseau and Tchovoski signs observed in hypocalcemia
67. with chronic pancreatitis, pancreatic enzymes are given with meals.
68. Never give K+ in IV push.
69. mineral corticoids are give in Addison's disease.
70. Diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA)= when body is breaking down fat instead of sugar for energy. Fats leave ketones (acids) that cause pH to decrease.
71. DKA is rare in diabetes mellitus type II because there is enough insulin to prevent breakdown of fats.
72. Sign of fat embolism is petechiae. Treated with heparin.
73. for knee replacement use continuous passive motion machine.
74. give prophylactic antibiotic therapy before any invasive procedure.
75. glaucoma patients lose peripheral vision. Treated with meds
76. cataract= cloudy, blurry vision. Treated by lens removal-surgery
77. Co2 causes vasoconstriction.
78. most [spinal cord injuries](#) are at the cervical or lumbar regions
79. autonomic dysreflexia ( life threatening inhibited sympathetic response of nervous system to a noxious stimulus- patients with spinal cord injuries at T-7 or above) is usually caused by a full bladder.
80. spinal shock occurs immediately after spinal injury
81. Multiple sclerosis= myelin sheat destruction, disruption in nerve impulse conduction.
82. myasthenia gravis= decrease in receptor sites for acetylcholine. Since smallest concentration of ACTH receptors are in cranial nerves, expect fatigue and weakness in eye, mastication, pharyngeal muscles.
83. Tensilon test given if muscle is tense in myasthenia gravis.
84. Guillain-Barre syndrome= ascending paralysis. Keep eye on respiratory system.
85. parkinson's = RAT: rigidity, akinesia (loss of muscle mvt), tremors. Treat with levodopa.
86. TIA (transient ischemic attack) mini stroke with no dead brain tissue
87. CVA (cerebrovascular accident) is with dead brain tissue.
88. Hodgkin's disease= cancer of lymph is very curable in early stage.
89. Rule of NINES for burns
  - Head and Neck= 9%
  - Each upper ext= 9%
  - Each lower ext= 18%

Front trunk= 18%

Back trunk= 18%

Genitalia= 1% ?

90. Birth weight doubles by 6 month and triple by 1 year of age.

91. if HR is <100 do not give dig to children.

92. first sign of cystic fibrosis may be meconium ileus at birth. Baby is inconsolable, do not eat, not passing meconium.

93. heart defects. Remember for cyanotic -3T's( Tof, Truncys arteriosus, Transposition of the great vessels). Prevent blood from going to heart. If problem does not fix or cannot be corrected surgically, CHF will occur following by death.

94. with R side cardiac cath=look for valve problems

95. with L side in adults look for coronary complications.

96. rheumatic fever can lead to cardiac valves malfunctions.

97. cerebral palsy = poor muscle control due to birth injuries and/or decrease oxygen to brain tissues.

98. ICP (intracranial pressure) should be <2. measure head circumference.

99. dilantin level (10-20). Can cause gingival hyperplasia

100. for Meningitis check for Kernig's/ Brudzinski's signs.

101. Wilm's tumor is usually encapsulated above the kidneys causing flank pain.

102. hemophilia is x-linked. Mother passes disease to son.

103. when phenylalanine increases, brain problems occur.

104. Buck's traction= knee immobility

105. Russell traction= femur or lower leg

106. Dunlap traction= skeletal or skin

107. Bryant's traction= children <3y, <35 lbs with femur fx.

108. place apparatus first then place the weight when putting traction

109. placenta should be in upper part of uterus

110. eclampsia is seizure.

111. a patient with a vertical c-section surgery will more likely have another c-section.

112. perform amniocentesis before 20 weeks gestation to check for cardiac and pulmonary abnormalities.

113. Rh- mothers receive rhogam to protect next baby.

114. anterior fontanelle closes by 18 months. Posterior 6 to 8 weeks.

115. caput succedaneum= diffuse edema of the fetal scalp that crosses the suture lines. Swelling reabsorbs within 1 to 3 days.

116. pathological jaundice= occurs before 24hrs and last 7 days.

Physiological jaundice occurs after 24 hours.

117. placenta previa = there is no pain, there is bleeding. Placenta abruption = pain, but no bleeding.

118. bethamethasone (celestone)=surfactant. Med for lung expansion.

119. dystocia= baby cannot make it down to canal

120. pitocin med used for uterine stimulation

121. Magnesium sulfate(used to halt preterm labor) is contraindicated if deep tendon reflexes are ineffective. If patient experiences seizure during magnesium adm. Get the baby out stat (emergency).

122. Do not use why or I understand statement when dealing with patients

123. milieu therapy= taking care of patient/environment

124. cognitive therapy= counseling

125. crisis intervention=short term.

126. FIVE INTERVENTIONS FOR PSYCH PATIENTS

-safety

-setting limits

- establish trusting relationship
- meds
- least restrictive methods/environment.
- 126. SSRI's (antidepressants) take about 3 weeks to work.
- 127. Obsession is to thought. Compulsion is to action
- 128. if patients have hallucinations redirect them. In delusions distract them.
- 129. Thorazine, haldol (antipsychotic) can lead to EPS (extrapyramidal side effects)
- 130. Alzheimer's disease is a chronic, progressive, degenerative cognitive disorder that accounts for more than 60% of all dementias

1. To remember how to draw up INSULIN think:

**Nicole Richie RN** (a teacher taught us this is school, thought it was funny and never forgot it!!!)

Air into NPH, then air into regular, draw up regular then draw up NPH

2. HYPERTHYROIDISM think of **MICHAEL JACKSON in THRILLER!**

**SKINNY, NERVOUS, BULGING EYES**, Up all night, heart beating fast

Atropine used to decrease secretions

Phenergan an antiemetic used to reduce nausea

Diazepam is a commonly used tranquilizer given to reduce anxiety before OR

Demerol is for pain control

Do not give demerol to pts. with sickle cell crisis.

Iron injections should be given Z-track so they don't leak into SQ tissues.

**All**

**Physicians**

**Earn**

**Too**

**Much**

**Money**

Or **APE To Man**

**Cranial Nerves:** \*I am sorry if this vulgar for some, but hey, it sticks

Sensory=S Motor=M Both=B

Oh (Olfactory I)		Some
Oh (Optic II)	Say	
Oh (Oculomotor III)	Marry	
To (Trochlear IV)	Money	
Touch (Trigeminal V)		But
And (Abducens VI)	My	
Feel (Facial VII)		Brother
A (Auditory VIII)		Says
Girls (Glossopharyngeal IX)	Big	
Vagina (Vagus X)	Bras	
And (Accessory XI)	Matter	
Hymen (Hypoglossal XII)	More	

### **Hypernatremia (greater than 145)**

Skin flushed  
Agitation  
Low grade fever  
Thirst

### **Developmental**

2-3 months: turns head side to side  
4-5 months: grasps, switch & roll  
6-7 months: sit at 6 and waves bye-bye  
8-9 months: stands **straight** at **eight**  
10-11 months: belly to butt (phrase has 10 letters)  
12-13 months: twelve and **up**, drink from a **cup**

### **Hepatitis**

Hepatitis: -ends in a **VOWEL**, comes from the **BOWEL** (Hep A)  
Hepatitis B=Blood and Bodily fluids  
Hepatitis C is just like B

**Apgar** measures **HR,RR,Muscle tone, Reflexes,Skin color**  
each 0-2 point. 8-10 OK. 0-3 RESUSCITATE.

### **GLASGOW COMA SCALE. EYES, VERBAL,MOTOR!**

It is similar to measuring dating skills...**max 15 points** -one can do it 😊  
if **below 8** you are in **Coma**.

So, to start dating you gotta **open** your **EYES first**, if you able to do that spontaneously and use them correctly to SEE whom you dating you earn 4. But if she has to scream on you to make you open them it is only 3....and 1 you dont care to open even if she tries to hurt you.

if you get good EYE contact (4 points) then move to **VERBAL**.

talk to her/ him! if you can do that You are really ORIENTED in situation she/he unconsciously gives you 4 points! if you like her try not to be CONFUSED (3), and of cause do not use INAPPROPRIATE WORDS (3), she will not like it)), try not to RESPOND WITH INCOMPREHENSIBLE SOUNDS (2), if you do not like her- just show no VERBAL RESPONSE(1)

Since you've got EYE and VERBAL contact you can **MOVE** now using your Motor Response Points. This is VERY important since Good moves give you 6! 🏆

The person who hyperventilates is most likely to experience respiratory alkalosis.

avoid salt substitutes when taken dig and k-supplements because many are potassium based

Signs of hypoxia: restless, anxious, cyanotic tachycardia, increased resps. (also monitor ABG's)

**Addison's disease** (need to "**add**" hormone)  
**Cushing's syndrome** (have extra "**cushion**" of hormones)

**Dumping syndrome**: increase fat and protein, small frequent meals, lie down after meal to decrease peristalsis, wait 1 hr after meals to drink.

For blood types: "O" is the universal donor (remember "o" in donor)  
"AB" is the universal recipient

Disseminated Herpes Zoster is AIRBORNE PRECAUTIONS, as to Localized Herpes Zoster is CONTACT PRECAUTIONS. A nurse with a localized herpes zoster CAN care for patients as long as the patients are NOT immunosuppressed and the lesions must be covered!

Fat soluble vitamins are Vitamins A, D, E, K

Give NSAIDS, Corticosteroids, drugs for Bipolar, Cephalosporins, and Sulfanomides WITH food.

Ativan is the treatment of choice for status epilepticus

When using a bronchodilator inhaler in conjunction with a glucocorticoid inhaler, administer the bronchodilator first

Theophylline increases the risk of digoxin toxicity and decreases the effects of lithium and Dilantin

**IN**tal, an inhaler used to treat allergy induced asthma may cause bronchospasm, think... **IN**to the asthmatic lung

Isoniazid causes peripheral neuritis

Peptic ulcers caused by *H. pylori* are treated with Flagyl, Prilosec and Biaxin. This treatment kills bacteria and stops production of stomach acid, but does not heal ulcer.

Weighted NI (Naso intestinal tubes) must float from stomach to intestine. Don't tape the tube right away after placement, may leave coiled next to pt on HOB. Position patient on RIGHT to facilitate movement through pylorus.

\* Diaphragm must stay in place 6 hours after intercourse. They are also fitted so must be re-fitted if you lose or gain a significant amount of weight.

\* Best time to take Growth Hormone PM, Steroids AM, Diuretics AM, Aricept AM.

\* Carafate (Sulcrafate) before meals (mucosal barrier; constipation)

\* Tagamet with food (H2; messes with elderly ppl be careful ! Interacts with alot of things)

\*Antacids after meals

\* Long term use of amphogel (binds to phosphates, increases Ca, robs the bones...leads to increased Ca resorption from bones and WEAK BONES)

\*Cushings ulcers r/t BRAIN injury

\*Cushings triad r/t ICP in BRAIN (htn, bradycard, irr. resp)

\*Thyroid storm is HOT (hyperthermia)

\*Myxedema coma is COLD (hypothermia)

\*Glaucoma intraocular pressure is greater than the normal (22 mm Hg), give miotics to constrict (pilocarpine) NO ATROPINE.

\* Non dairy sources of calcium include RHUBARB, SARDINES, COLLARD GREENS

\* You can petal the rough edges of a plaster cast with tape to avoid skin irritation.

\*With low back aches, bend knees to relieve

\* Push fluids with Allopurinol - flush the uric acid out of system

\* Koplick's spots are red spots with blue center characteristic of PRODROMAL stage of Measles. Usually in mouth.

\* INH can cause peripheral neuritis, take Vit B6 to prevent also hepatotoxic

- \* **Rifampin** - **Red** orange tears and urine, also contraceptives don't work as well
- \* **Ethambutol** - messes with your **Eyes**
- \* Apply eye drop to conjunctival sac and after wards apply pressure to nasolacrimal duct / inner canthus
- \* Pancreatitis patients but them in fetal position, NPO, gut rest, prepare antecubital site for PICC cuz they'll probably be getting TPN/Lipids
- \* Trendelenburg test - for varicose veins. If they fill proximally = varicosity.

Rule of nines, 9 = head, 18 = arms, 36 = torso, 36 =legs, and 1= perineum = 100%

**When giving Kayexalate we need to worry about dehydration ( K ha inverse relationship with Na)**

**Yogurt has live cultures- dont give to immunosuppressed pt**

**Itching under cast area- cool air via blow dryer, ice pack for 10- 15 minutes. NEVER use qtip or anything to scratch area**

Murphy's sign – pain with palpation of gall bladder area seen with cholecystitis

Cullen's sign – ecchymosis in umbilical area, seen with pancreatitis

Turner's sign – flank grayish blue (turn around to see your flanks) pancreatitis

McBurney's Point – pain in RLQ indicative of appendicitis

LLQ – diverticulitis , low residue, no seeds, nuts, peas

RLQ – appendicitis, watch for peritonitis

Guthrie Test – Tests for PKU, baby should have eaten source of protein first

Shilling Test – test for [pernicious anemia](#)/ how well one absorbs Vit b12

Allen's test – occlude both ulnar and radial artery until hand blanches then release ulnar. If the hand pinks up, ulnar artery is good and you can carry on with ABG/radial stick as planned. ABGS must be put on ice and whisked to the lab.

oIt's ok to have abdominal craps, blood tinged outflow and leaking around site if the Peritoneal Dialysis cath (tenkhoff) was placed in the last 1-2 wks. Cloudy outflow NEVER NORMAL.

oAmniotic fluid yellow with particles = meconium stained

oHyper reflexes (upper motor neuron issue "your reflexes are over the top")

oAbsent reflexes (lower motor neuron issue)

oRhogam : given at 28 weeks, 72 hours post partum, IM. Only given to Rh NEGATIVE mother.

Also if indirect Coomb's test is positive, don't need to give Rhogam cuz she has antibody only give if negative coombs

oVit K is to coumadin as Protamine Sulfate is to Heparin as Ca Glu is to MgSo4 as Mucomyst is to Acetaminophen as Amicar is to TPA...get it? Antidotes/treatments for overdose

Order of assessment: Inspection, Palpation, Percussion and Auscultation. EXCEPT with abdomen cuz you don't wanna mess with the bowels and their sounds so you Inspect, Auscultate, Percuss then Palpate (same with kids, I suppose since you wanna go from least invasive to most invasive sine they will cry BLOOD MURDER ! Gotta love them kids !)

Latex [allergies](#) => Assess for allergies to bananas, apricots, cherries, grapes, kiwis, passion fruit, avocados, chestnuts, tomatoes, peaches

Tensilon is used in myasthenia gravis to confirm the diagnosis.

Myasthenia gravis is caused by a disorder in the transmission of impulses from nerve to muscle cell.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis ( ALS ) is a condition in which there is a degeneration of motor neurons in both the upper & lower motor neuron systems.

**Transesophageal Fistula (TEF)** - esophagus doesn't fully develop (this is a surgical emergency)

The **3 C's of TEF** in the newborn:

- 1) Choking
- 2) Coughing
- 3) Cyanosis

The MMR vaccine is given SQ not IM.

Red--unstable, ie, occluded airway, actively bleeding, see first

Yellow---stable, can wait up to an hour for treatment, ie burns, see second

Green---stable, can wait even longer to be seen, "walking wounded"

Black--unstable clients that will probably not make it, need comfort measures

DOA---dead on arrival

Greek heritage - they put an amulet or any other use of protective charms around their baby's neck to avoid "evil eye" or envy of others

*4 year old kids cannot interpret TIME. Need to explain time in relationship to a known COMMON EVENT (eg: "Mom will be back after supper").*

\*\* Anaphylactic reaction to baker's yeast is contraindication for Hep B vaccine.

\*\* Ask for allergy to eggs before Flu shot

\*\* Ask for anaphylactic rxn to eggs or neomycin before MMR

\*\* When on nitroprusside, monitor thiocyanate (cyanide). Normal value should be 1, >1 is heading toward toxicity

\*\*If kid has cold, can still give immunizations

\*\*SARS (severe acute resp syndrome) airborne + contact (just like varicella)

\*\* Hepatitis A is contact precautions

\*\* Tetanus, Hepatitis B, HIV are STANDARD precautions

\*\* William's position - Semi Fowlers with knees flexed (inc. knee gatch) to relieve lower back pain.

\*\* SIGNS of a Fractured hip: EXTERNAL ROTATION, SHORTENING, ADDUCTION

\*\* Fat Embolism: Blood tinged sputum (r/t inflammation), inc ESR, respiratory alkalosis (not acidosis r/t tachypnea), hypocalcemia, increased serum lipids, "snow storm" effect on CXR.

\*\*Complications of Mechanical Ventilation: Pneumothorax, Ulcers

\*\* Paget's Disease - tinnitus, bone pain, enlargement of bone, thick bones.

\*\* NO VITAMIN C with Allopurinol

\*\* IVP requires bowel prep so they can visualize the bladder better

\*\*Acid Ash diet - cheese, corn, cranberries, plums, prunes, meat, poultry, pastry, bread

\*\* Alk Ash diet- milk, veggies, rhubarb, salmon

\*\* Orange tag in triage is non emergent Psych

\*\* Greenstick fractures, usually seen in kids bone breaks on one side and bends on the other



Insomnia is a side effect of thyroid hormones. Saunders confirms it. Makes sense though! Increased met. rate, your body is "too busy to sleep" as opposed to the folks with hypothyroidism who may report somnolence (dec. met rate, body is slow and sleepy). Ok some more facts.

\*\* BOTOX for strabismus. Patch the GOOD eye so that the weaker eye can get stronger. Found a cool link about its use in peds pt with strabismus. I had to look it up cuz I heard it was important  
\*ah hem ah hem\*

\*\* TIDAL VOLUME is 7 – 10ml / kg

\*\* COPD patients REMEMBER: 2LNC or less (hypoxic NOT hypercapnic drive), PaO<sub>2</sub> of 60ish and SaO<sub>2</sub> 90% is normal for them b/c they are chronic CO<sub>2</sub> retainers. ...

\*\* Neostigmine/Atropine (anticholinergic) to reverse effect of pancuronium.

\*\*Ampho B causes hypokalemia (amongst many other things..gotta premedicate before giving. Pts will most likely get a fever)

\*\* Test 4 hypersensitivity before the administration of asparaginase.

\*\* Take Vermox with high fat diet (increases absorption)

\*\* Kidney Glucose threshold is 180

\*\* Amphogel and Renegal take with meals

\*\* Stranger [anxiety](#) is greatest 7 - 9 months, Separation anxiety peaks in toddlerhood

\*\* MMR is a SQ shot

Lymes is found mostly in Connecticut

Asthma and [Arthritis](#)--swimming best

Asthma has intercostal retractions--be concerned

Tardive Dyskinesia - irreversible - involuntary movements of the tongue, face and extremities, may happen after prolonged use of antipsychotics

Akathisia - motor restlessness, need to keep going, tx with antiparkinsons meds, can be mistaken for agitation.

When drawing an ABG, you need to put the blood in a heparinized tube, make sure there are no bubbles, put on ice immediately after drawing, with a label indicating if the pt was on room air or how many liters of O<sub>2</sub>.

Remember to preform the Allen's Test prior to doing an ABG to check for sufficient blood flow

Before going for Pulmonary Function Tests (PFT's), a pt's bronchodilators will be with-held and they are not allowed to smoke for 4 hrs prior

For a lung biopsy, position pt lying on side of bed or with arms raised up on pillows over bedside table, have pt hold breath in midexpiration, chest x-ray done immediately afterwards to check for complication of pneumothorax, sterile dressing applied

For a lumbar puncture, pt is positioned in lateral recumbent fetal position, keep pt flat for 2-3 hrs afterwards, sterile dressing, frequent neuro assessments

EEG, hold meds for 24-48 hrs prior, no caffeine or cigarettes for 24 hrs prior, pt can eat, pt must stay awake night before exam, pt may be asked to hyperventilate and watch a bright flashing light, after EEG, assess pt for seizures, pt's will be at increased risk

Diamox, used for [glaucoma](#), can cause hypokalemia

Dexedrine, used for ADHD, may alter insulin needs, avoid taking with MAOI's, take in morning (insomnia possible side effect)

Cytovene, used for retinitis caused by cytomegalovirus, pt will need regular eye exams, report dizziness, confusion, or seizures immediately

INH, used to treat and prevent TB, do not give with dilantin, can cause phenytoin toxicity, monitor LFT's, give B6 along with, hypotension will occur initially, then resolve

Rifampin, for TB, dyes bodily fluids orange

If mixing antipsychotics (ie Haldol, Throazine, Prolixin) with fluids, med is incompatible with caffeine and apple juice

Haldol preferred anti-psychotic in elderly, but high risk extrapyramidal side effects (dystonia, tarditive dyskinesia, tightening of jaw, stiff neck, swollen tongue, later on swollen airway), monitor for early signs of reaction and give IM Benadryl

Risperdal, antipsychotic, doses over 6mg can cause tarditive dyskinesia, first line antipsychotic in children

Levodopa, for parkinsons, contraindicated in pts with glaucoma, avoid B6

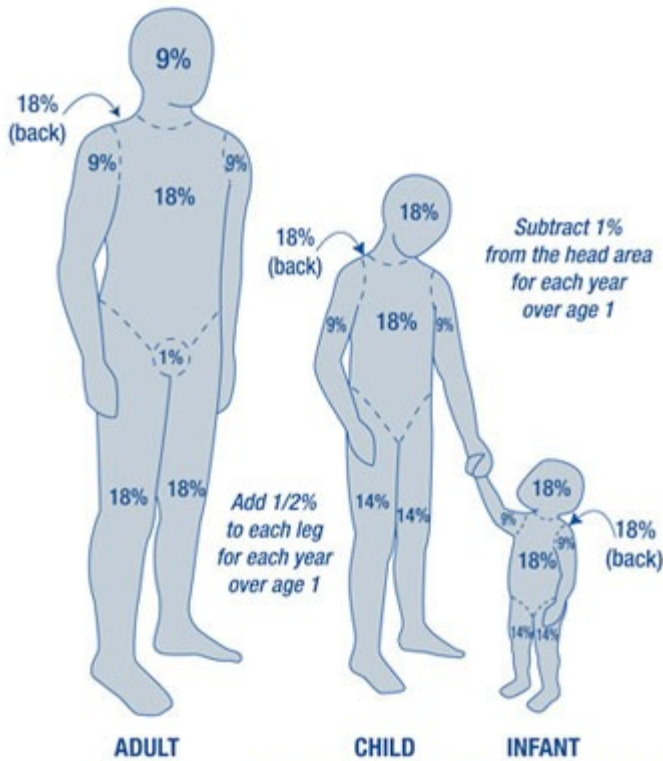
Sinemet, for parkinsons, contraindicated with MAOI's

Hydroxyurea, for sickle cell, report GI symptoms immediately, could be sign of toxicity

Zocor, for hyperlipidemia, take on empty stomach to enhance absorption, report any unexplained muscle pain, especially if fever

Decorticate is toward the 'cord'. Decerebrit is the other way (out)

\*\* BOTOX \*\* (Botulin Toxin) can be used with strabismus also to relax vocal cords in spasmodic dysphonia.



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-**Munchausen Syndrome** is a psychiatric disorder that causes an individual to self-inflict injury or illness or to fabricate symptoms of physical or mental illness, in order to receive medical care or hospitalization. In a variation of the disorder, **Munchausen by proxy (MSBP)**, an individual, typically a mother, intentionally causes or fabricates illness in a child or other person under her care.

-**Multiple Sclerosis** is a chronic, progressive disease with demyelinating lesions in the CNS which affect the white matter of the brain and spinal cord.

**Motor S/S:** limb weakness, paralysis, slow speech

**Sensory S/S:** numbness, tingling, tinnitus

**Cerebral S/S:** nystagmus, ataxia, dysphagia, dysarthria

**Huntington's Chorea:** 50% genetic, autosomal dominant disorder

S/S: chorea --> writhing, twisting, movements of face, limbs and body

-gait deteriorates to no ambulation

-no cure, just palliative care

-WBC shift to the left in a patient with pyelonephritis (neutrophils kick in to fight infection)

-Definitive diagnosis for abd. aortic aneurysm (AAA) --> CT scan

-Don't use Kayexalate if patient has hypoactive bowel sounds.

-Uremic fetor --> smell urine on the breath

-Hirschsprung's --> bile is lower obstruction, no bile is upper obstruction; ribbon like stools.

-Pancreatic enzymes are taken with each meal! Not before, not after, but **WITH** each meal.

Thank you, I finally realize why a person shouldn't have cantaloupe before a occult stool test, because cantaloupe is high in vit c and vit c causes a false + for occult blood. Now I just need to figure out why they can't have fish.

**Hypospadias:** abnormality in which urethral meatus is located on the ventral (back) surface of the penis anywhere from the corona to the perineum (**remember hypo, low (for lower side or under side)**)

**Epispadias:** opening of the urethra on the dorsal (front) surface of the penis

**Priapism:** painful erection lasting longer than 6 hrs.

Anticholinergic effects--assessment

dry mouth==can't spit

urinary retention=can't \*\*\*\*

constipated =can't \*\*\*\*

blurred vision=can't see

~When you see Coffee-brown emesis, think peptic ulcer

2.Anytime you see fluid retention. Think heart problemsfirst.

3.An answer that delays care or treatment is ALWAYSwrong

4.For PVD remember DAVE (Legs are Dependent forArterial & for Venous Elevated)

more to come.....

• When choosing an answer, think in this manner... if you can only do ONLY one thing to help this patient what would it be? Pick the most important intervention. 🤖

☐ If two of the answers are the exact opposite, like bradycardia or tachycardia... one is probably the answer.

☐ If two or three answers are similar or are alike, none is correct.

☐ When asking patients' questions NEVER use "why" questions. Eliminate all "why?" answer options.

☐ If you have never heard of it... please don't pick it!

☐ Never release traction UNLESS you have an order from the MD to do so

☐ Questions about a halo? Remember safety first, have a screwdriver nearby.

☐ Remember compartment syndrome is an emergency situation. Paresthesias and increased pain are classic symptoms. Neuromuscular damage is irreversible 4-6 hours after onset.

☐ Always deal with actual problems or harm before potential problems

☐ Always select a "patient focused" answer.

☐ An answer option that states "reassess in 15 minutes" is probably wrong.

**Interpersonal model (Sullivan)**

Behavior motivated by need to avoid anxiety and satisfy needs

1. Infancy 0-18 months others will satisfy needs

2. childhood >6yrs learn to delay need gratification

3. juvenile 6-9 years learn to relate to peers

4. preadolescence 9-12 yrs learns to relate to friends of opposite sex

5. early adolescence 12-14yrs: learn independence and how to relate to opposite sex

6. late adolescence 14-21yrs: develop intimate relationship with person of opposite sex

is this not about communication?....

Fetal alcohol syndrome

- upturned nose
- flat nasal bridge
- thin upper lip
- SGA

vastus lateralis is IM administration site for 6month infants

- ☐ For toddlers above 18 months ventrogluteal
- ☐ The deltoid and gluteus maximus are appropriate sites for children

OU- both eyes

OS- left eye

OD- right eye ( dominant Right eye- just a tip to remember)

1. **COAL** (cane walking):

**C** - cane

**O** - opposite

**A** - affected

**L** - leg

Red- Immediate: Injuries are life threatening but survivable with minimal intervention. Ex: hemothorax, tension pneumothorax, unstable chest and abdominal wounds, **INCOMPLETE** amputations, **OPEN** fx's of long bones, and 2nd/3rd degree burn with 15%-40% of total body surface, etc.

Yellow- Delayed: Injuries are significant and require medical care, but can wait hrs without threat to life or limb. Ex: Stable abd wounds without evidence of hemorrhage, fx requiring open reduction, debridement, external fixation, most eye and CNS injuries, etc.

Green- Minimal: Injuries are minor and tx can be delayed to hrs or days . Individuals in this group should be moved away from the main triage area. Ex: upper extremity fx, minor burns, sprains, sm. lacerations, behavior disorders.

Black- Expectant: Injuries are extensive and chances of survival are unlikely. Separate but dont abandoned, comfort measures if possible. Ex: Unresponsive, spinal cord injuries, wounds with anatomical organs, 2nd/3rd degree burn with 60% of body surface area , seizures, profound shock with multiple injuries, no pulse, b.p, pupils fixed or dilated.

Thoracentesis prep- Take v.s., shave area around needle insertion, **position patient with arms on pillow on over bed table or lying on side**, no more than 1000cc at a one time. Post- listen for bilateral breath sounds, v.s., check leakage, sterile dressing.

CT- assess allergies

MRI- claustrophobia, no metal, assess pacemaker

Cardiac cath- npo 8-12hr, empty bladder, pulses, tell pt may feel heat palpitations or desire to cough with dye injection. Post- Vital signs keep leg straight bedrest 6-8hr.

cerebral angio prep- well hydrated, lie flat, site shaved, pulses marked  
post- keep flat 12-14hr, check site, pulses,force fluids.

Lumbar puncture- fetal position. post- neuro assess q15-30 until stable, flat2-3hr, encourage fluids, oral analgesics for headache, observe dressing

EEG- no sleep the night before, meals not withheld, no stimulants for 24hr before, tranquilizer/stimulant meds held 24-48hr before, may be asked to hyperventilate 3-4min and watch a bright flashing light.

Myelogram- Npo 4-6hr, allergy hx, phenothiazines, cns depressants, and stimulants withheld 48hr prior, table will be moved to various positions during test. Post- neuro q2-4, **water soluble HOB up, oil soluble HOB down**, oral analgesics for h/a, encourage po fluids, assess for distended bladder, inspect site.

Liver biopsy- Adm vit k , npo morning of exam 6hr, give sedative, **Teach pt that he will be asked to hold breath for 5-10sec, supine position, lateral with upper arms elevated. Post- position on right side, frequent v.s., report severe ab pain stat**, no heavy lifting 1wk.

Paracentesis- semi fowlers or upright on edge of bed, empty bladder.  
Post- v.s., report elevated temp, observe for signs of hypovolemia.

Laparoscopy- CO2 used to enhance visual, general [anesthesia](#), foley. **Post- walk patient to decrease CO2 build up used for procedure.**

Pyelogram- assess allergies

Sengstaken blakemore tube used for tx of esophageal varices, **keep scissors at bedside.**

Hemovac- used after mastectomy, empty when full or q8hr, remove plug, empty contents, place on flat surface, cleanse opening and plug with alcohol sponge, **compress evacuator completely to remove air**, release plug, check system for operation.

Common Signs and Symptoms

01. PTB – low-grade afternoon fever.
02. PNEUMONIA – rusty sputum.
03. ASTHMA – [wheezing](#) on expiration.
04. EMPHYSEMA – barrel chest.
05. KAWASAKI SYNDROME – strawberry tongue.
06. PERNICIOUS ANEMIA – red beefy tongue.
07. DOWN SYNDROME – protruding tongue.
08. CHOLERA – rice watery stool.
09. MALARIA – stepladder like fever with chills.
10. TYPHOID – rose spots in abdomen.
11. DIPHTHERIA – pseudo membrane formation
12. MEASLES – koplik’s spots.
13. SLE – butterfly rashes.

14. LIVER CIRRHOSIS – spider like varices.
15. LEPROSY – lioning face.
16. BULIMIA – chipmunk face.
17. APPENDICITIS – rebound tenderness.
18. DENGUE – petechiae or (+) Herman’s sign.
19. MENINGITIS – Kernig’s sign (leg flex then [leg pain](#) on extension), Brudzinski sign (neck flex = lower leg flex).
20. TETANY – hypocalcemia (+) Trousseau’s sign/carpopedal spasm; Chvostek sign (facial spasm).
21. TETANUS – risus sardonicus.
22. PANCREATITIS – Cullen’s sign (ecchymosis of umbilicus); (+) Grey turners spots.
23. PYLORIC STENOSIS – olive like mass.
24. PDA – machine like murmur.
25. ADDISON’S DISEASE – bronze like skin pigmentation.
26. CUSHING’S SYNDROME – moon face appearance and buffalo hump.
27. HYPERTHYROIDISM/GRAVE’S DISEASE – exophthalmus.
28. INTUSSUSCEPTION – sausage shaped mass, Dance Sign (empty portion of RLQ)
29. MS – Charcot’s Triad (IAN)
30. MG – descending muscle weakness
31. Guillain Barre Syndrome – ascending muscle weakness
32. DVT – Homan’s Sign
33. CHICKEN POX – Vesicular Rash (central to distal) dew drop on rose petal
34. ANGINA – Crushing stubbing pain relieved by NTG
35. MI – Crushing stubbing pain which radiates to left shoulder, neck, arms, unrelieved by NTG
36. LTB – inspiratory stridor
37. TEF – 4Cs’ Coughing, Choking, Cyanosis, Continous Drooling
38. EPIGLOTITIS – 3Ds’ Drooling, Dysphonia, Dysphagia
39. HODGKIN’S DSE/[LYMPHOMA](#) – painless, progressive enlargement of spleen & lymph tissues, Reedsternberg Cells

40. INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS – Hallmark: sore throat, [cervical](#) lymph adenopathy, fever
41. PARKINSON'S – Pill-rolling tremors
42. [FIBRIN](#) HYALIN – Expiratory Grunt
43. CYSTIC FIBROSIS – Salty skin
44. DM – polyuria, polydypsia, polyphagia
45. DKA – Kussmauls breathing (Deep Rapid RR)
46. BLADDER CA – painless hematuria
47. BPH – reduced size & force of urine
48. PEMPHIGUS VULGARIS – Nikolsky's sign (separation of epidermis caused by rubbing of the skin)
49. RETINAL DETACHMENT – Visual Floaters, flashes of light, curtain vision
50. GLAUCOMA – Painfull vision loss, tunnel/gun barrel/halo vision (Peripheral Vision Loss)
51. CATARACT – Painless vision loss, Opacity of the lens, blurring of vision
52. RETINO BLASTOMA – Cat's eye reflex (grayish discoloration of pupils)
53. ACROMEGALY – Coarse facial feature
54. DUCHENNE'S MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY – Gowers' sign (use of hands to push one's self from the floor)
55. GERD – Barretts esophagus (erosion of the lower portion of the esophageal mucosa)
56. HEPATIC ENCEPHALOPATHY – Flapping tremors
57. HYDROCEPHALUS – Bossing sign (prominent forehead)
58. INCREASE ICP – HYPERTension BRADYPnea BRADYcardia (Cushing's Triad)
59. SHOCK – HYPOTension TACHYPnea TACHYcardia
60. MENIERE'S DSE – Vertigo, Tinnitus
61. CYSTITIS – burning on urination
62. HYPOCALCEMIA – Chvostek & Trosseaus sign
63. ULCERATIVE COLITIS – recurrent bloody diarrhea
64. LYME'S DSE – Bull's eye rash

Otorrhea s/s of basilar fracture

Battles sign and racoons eyes s/s of orbital fracture



Take iron elixir with juice or water.... never with milk 🙄

Kawasaki's leads to ❤️ cardiac problems

Dilantin 10-20  
Theophylline 10-20  
Acetaminophen 10-20  
Lithium 0.5-1.5  
Digoxin 0.5-2.0

Osteomyelitis is an infectious bone dz. Give blood cultures and antibiotics, then if necessary surgery to drain abscess. 🏥

Nephrotic syndrome s/s edema + hypotension. Turn and reposition (risk for impaired skin integrity)

To assess role relationship pattern focus on image and relationships with others.

Renal impairment: serum creatinine 👉 elevated and urine clearance 📉 decreased

Norm. Serum creatinine 0.8-1.8 (men), 0.5-1.5 (women)  
Norm. Urine clearance 85-135

Atropine Overdose

Hot as a Hare (Temp), Mad as a Hatter 🗓️ (LOC), Red as a Beet 🍷 (flushed face) and Dry as a Bone (Thirsty)

Hemoglobin  
Neonates 18-27  
3 mos 10.6-16.5  
3 yrs 9.4-15.5  
10 yrs 10.7-15.5

Glomerulonephritis: take vs q 4 hrs + daily weights

Age 4 to 5 yrs child needs DPT/MMR/OPV

Cystic Fibrosis give [diet](#) low fat, high sodium, fat soluble vitamins ADEK. Aerosol bronchodilators, mucolytics and pancreatic enzymes.

Airborne Precautions: measles, chicken pox and TB.  
private room, negative pressure w/ 6-12 air exchanges, Mask N95.

Droplet Precautions: sepsis, scarlet fever, streptococcal pharyngitis, parovirus B19, pneumonia, pertussis, influenza, diphtheria, epiglottitis, rubella, mumps, [meningitis](#), mycoplasma and adenovirus.  
Door open, 3 ft distance, private room or cohort, mask

Contact Precautions: multidrug resistant organism; respiratory, skin, wound enteric and eye  
INFECTIONS 🚫

[Zoloft](#) s/e agitation, sleep disturb, and dry mouth  
Clozapine s/e agranulocytosis, tachycardia and seizures

[Blood tests](#) for MI: Myoglobin, CK and Troponin

Salt substitutes may contain potassium 🤖

Placental abruption: bleeding with pain, don't forget to monitor volume status (I&O)

An ill child regresses in behaviors

Meningeal irritation S/s nuchal rigidity, positive Brudzinski + Kernig signs and PHOTOPHOBIA too!  
😬

Babinski sign - toes curl 👍 great! toes fan 👎 bad

Glucose Tolerance Test for preggies result of 140 or higher needs further evaluation.

Assessing extraocular eye movements check cranial nerves 3, 4, and 6.

Stomas

dusky stoma means poor blood supply, protruding means prolapsed, sharp pain + rigidity means peritonitis, mucus in ileal conduit is expected.

Dilantin s/e rash (stop med), gingival hyperplasia (good hygiene)  
toxicity-->poor gait + coordination, slurred speech, nausea, lethargy, and diplopia.

Phenobarbital can be taken during pregnancy but Dilatin is contraindicated.

Tension pneumothorax trachea shifts to opposite side.

This is GREAT! Here's some I got from a review class I went to several months ago...

**\*Change in color** is always a LATE sign!

**\*Incentive Spirometry** steps: 1) Sit upright 2) Exhale 3) Insert mouthpiece 4) Inhale for 3 seconds, and then HOLD for 10 seconds

**\*Aminoglycoside** (\_\_\_Mycin ; except erythromycin) Adverse Effects are bean shaped - Nephrotoxic to Kidneys and Ototoxic to Ears

**\*MRSA** - Contact precaution ONLY

**\*VRSA** - Contact AND airborne precaution (Private room, door closed, negative pressure)

**\*LITHIUM**

*L-level of therapeutic affect is 0.5-1.5*

*I-indicate mania*

*T-toxic level is 2-3 - N/V, diarrhea, tremors*

*H-hydrate 2-3L of water/day*

*I-increased UO and dry mouth*

*U-uh oh; give Mannitol and Diamox if toxic s/s are present*

*M-maintain Na intake of 2-3g/day*

**\*All psych meds' (except Lithium) side effects are the same as SNS but the BP is decreased.**

**\*SNS-** Increase in BP, HR and RR (dilated bronchioles), dilated pupils (blurred vision), Decreased GUT (urinary retention), GIT (constipation), Constricted blood vessels and Dry mouth.

**\*Blood transfusion-** sign of allergies in order:

- 1) Flank pain
- 2) Frequent swallowing
- 3) Rashes
- 4) Fever
- 5) Chills

**\*Thrombocytopenia** -Bleeding precautions!

- 1) Soft bristled toothbrush
- 2) No insertion of anything! (c/i suppositories, douche)

3) No IM meds as much as possible!

\*Iron deficiency **anemia** - easily fatigued

1) Fe PO - give with Vitamin C or on an empty stomach

2) Fe via IM- Infeon via Ztrack

\***Pernicious Anemia** - Red, Beefy tongue; will take Vit. **B12** for life!

#### \***BURNS**

1st Degree - Red and Painful

2nd Degree - **Blisters**

3rd Degree - No Pain because of blocked and burned nerves

\***Meniere's Disease** - Admin diuretics to decrease endolymph in the cochlea, restrict Na, lay on affected ear when in bed. Triad:

1) Vertigo

2) Tinnitus

3) N/V

\***Gastric Ulcer pain** occurs 30 minutes to 90 minutes after eating, not at night, and doesn't go away with food

\*Think positive and you can achieve great things. Think of present and future, the past is gone.

*\*Forget your past mistakes and focus on your successes encouraging yourself to greater achievements in the future.*

*\*Always do your best so you can be proud that you gave it your best shot.*

*\*Focus on your achievements rather than your failures. If you do find yourself thinking about how you failed then look at what you managed to do right and how you could correct what you did next time.*

*\*A mind that is troubled with doubt won't be able to focus on the victory to be had.*

*\*Take it one day at a time.*

*\*Take time for yourself. A fried mind can't focus or learn.*

#### Pediatric Tips:

What is an **intraosseous infusion**? In pediatric life-threatening emergencies, when iv access cannot be obtained, an osseous (bone) needle is hand-drilled into a bone (usually the tibia), where crystalloids, colloids, blood products and **drugs can be administered into the marrow**. It is a temporary, life-saving measure, and I have seen it once! (Gruesome.) When venous access is achieved it can be d/c'd. One medication that cannot be administered by intraosseous infusion is **isoproterenol**, a beta agonist. (I don't know more about that drug; it was just pointed out on a practice exam.)

During **sickle cell crisis** there are two interventions to prioritize: **fluids and pain** relief.

With **glomerulonephritis** you should consider **blood pressure** to be your most important assessment parameter. Dietary restrictions you can expect include fluids, protein, sodium, and potassium.

Remember yesterday when I mentioned how congenital cardiac defects result in **hypoxia** which the body attempts to compensate for (influx of immature rbc's)? Labs supporting this would show **increased hematocrit, hemoglobin, and rbc count**.

Did you know there is an association between **low-set ears** and **renal anomalies**? Now you know what to look for if down's isn't there to choose. (just to expand on it a little, the kidneys and ears develop around the same time in utero. Hence, they're shaped similarly. Which is why when doing an assessment of a neonate, if the nurse notices low set or asymmetrical ears, there is good reason to investigate renal functioning. Knowing that the kidneys and ears are similar shapes helped me remember this).

School-age kids (**5** and up) are old enough, and should have an **explanation** of what will happen a week before surgery such as tonsillectomy.

If you gave a toddler a **choice** about taking medicine and he says no, you should leave the room and **come back** in five minutes, because to a toddler it is another episode. Next time, don't ask.

The **first** sign of pyloric stenosis in a baby is **mild vomiting that progresses to projectile vomiting**. Later you may be able to palpate a mass, the baby will seem hungry often, and may spit up after feedings.

We know **Kawasaki** disease causes a heart problem, but what specifically? **Coronary artery aneurysms** d/t the inflammation of blood vessels.

A child with a **ventriculoperitoneal shunt** will have a small upper-**abdominal incision**. This is where the shunt is guided into the abdominal cavity, and tunneled under the skin up to the ventricles. You should watch for **abdominal distention**, since fluid from the ventricles will be re-directed to the peritoneum. You should also watch for signs of increasing **intracranial pressure**, such as irritability, bulging fontanel, and high-pitched cry in an infant. In a toddler watch lack of appetite and headache. Careful on a bed position question! Bed-position **after shunt placement is flat**, so fluid doesn't reduce too rapidly. If you see s/s of increasing icp, **then** raise the head to 15-30 degrees.

What could cause **bronchopulmonary dysplasia**? Dysplasia means abnormality or alteration. **Mechanical ventilation** can cause it. Premature newborns with immature lungs are ventilated and over time it damages the lungs. Other causes could be infection, pneumonia, or other conditions that cause inflammation or scarring.

It is essential to **maintain nasal patency with children < 1 yr.** because they are obligatory nasal breathers.

Watch out for questions suggesting a child drinks more than 3-4 cups of milk each day. (Milks good, right?) Too much milk reduces intake of other essential nutrients, especially iron. Watch for **anemia with milk-aholics**. And don't let that mother put anything but water in that kid's bottle during naps/over-night. Juice or milk will rot that kid's teeth right out of his head.

What traction is used in a school-age kid with a femur or tibial fracture with extensive **skin damage**? **Ninety, ninety**. Huh? I never heard of it either. The name refers to the angles of the joints. A pin is placed in the distal part of the broken bone, and the lower extremity is in a boot cast. The rest is the normal pulleys and ropes you're used to visualizing with balanced suspension. While we're talking about traction, a kid's **hinder should clear the bed when in Bryant's** traction (also used for femurs and congenial hip for young kids).

If you can remove the white patches from the mouth of a baby it is just formula. If you **can't, its candidiasis**.

Just know the **MMR and Varicella immunizations come later** (15 months).

Undescended testis or **cryptorchidism** is a known risk factor for **testicular cancer** later in life. Start teaching boys testicular **self exam around 12**, because most cases occur during adolescence.

Not pediatrics but have to throw it in – A guy loses his house in a fire. Priority is using community resources to find shelter, before assisting with feelings about the tremendous loss. (Maslow).

**No aspirin** with kids b/c it is associated with Reye's Syndrome, and also no nsaid's such as ibuprofen. **Give Tylenol**.

**CSF in meningitis** will have **high protein**, and low glucose.

It is always the correct answer to **report suspected cases of child abuse**.

**No nasotracheal suctioning with head injury or skull fracture.**

**Feed upright** to avoid otitis media.

Position **prone** w/ h/ob elevated with **gerd**. In almost every other case, though, you better lay that kid on his back (Back To Sleep - SIDS).

Pull pinna **down and back for kids < 3 yrs.** when instilling eardrops.

Kids with RSV; **no contact lenses or pregnant** nurses in rooms where **ribavirin** is being administered by hoot, tent, etc.

Positioning with pneumonia – lay **on the affected side** to splint and reduce **pain**. But if you are trying to reduce congestion the sick lung goes up. (Ever had a stuffy nose, and you lay with the stuff side up and it clears?)

A **positive ppd** confirms **infection**, not just exposure. A **sputum** test will confirm **active disease**.

**Coughing** w/o other s/s is suggestive of **asthma**. Speaking of asthma, watch out if your **wheezers stops wheezing**. It could mean he is worsening.

You better pick **'do vitals'** before administering that **dig**. (apical pulse for one full minute).

**Tet** spells treated with **morphine**.

**Group-a strep precedes rheumatic fever**. **Chorea** is part of this sickness (grimacing, sudden body movements, etc.) and it **embarrasses kids**. They have **joint pain**. Watch for elevated antistreptolysin O to be elevated. Penicillin!

Don't pick cough over **tachycardia** for signs of **CHF** in an infant.

Random Tips:

**No milk** (as well as fresh fruit or veggies) on **neutropenic** precautions.

**Tylenol poisoning** – liver failure possible for about **4 days**. Close observation required during this time-frame, as well as tx with Mucomyst.

**Radioactive iodine** – The key word here is **flush**. Flush substance out of body w/3-4 liters/day for 2 days, and flush the toilet twice after using for 2 days. Limit contact w/patient to 30 minutes/day. No pregnant visitors/nurses, and no kids.

The main **hypersensitivity** reaction seen with **antiplatelet** drugs is **bronchospasm** (anaphylaxis).

Common sites for **metastasis** include the **liver**, brain, lung, bone, and lymph.

**Orthostasis** is verified by a **drop** in pressure with **increasing** heart rate.

**Bence Jones** protein in the urine confirms **multiple myeloma**.

Don't fall for 'reestablishing a normal bowel pattern' as a priority with small **bowel obstruction**. Because the patient can't take in oral fluids 'maintaining **fluid balance**' comes first.

**Pernicious anemia** s/s include pallor, tachycardia, and **sore red tongue**.

With flecainide (**Tambocor**), an antiarrhythmic, **limit fluids** and sodium intake, because sodium increases water retention which could lead to heart failure.

**Basophils release histamine** during an allergic response.

**Adenosine** is the treatment of choice for paroxysmal atrial **tachycardia**.

**Iatrogenic** means it was **caused** by treatment, procedure, or medication.

Other than initially to test tolerance, **G-tube and J-tube** feedings are usually given as **continuous** feedings.

**Four side-rails up** can be considered a form of **restraint**. Even in LTC facility when a client is a fall risk, keep lower rails down, and one side of bed against the wall, lowest position, wheels locked.

Your cancer patient is getting **radiation**. What should you be most concerned about? Skin irritation? No. Infection kills cancer patients most because of the **leukopenia** caused by radiation.

A breast cancer patient treated with **Tamoxifen** should report changes in **visual** acuity, because the adverse effect could be irreversible.

**Pneumovax 23** gets administered **post splenectomy** to prevent pneumococcal sepsis.

Let's say every answer in front of you is an **abnormal** value. If **potassium** is there you can bet it is a problem they want you to identify, because values outside of normal can be **life threatening**. Normal potassium is 3.5-5.0. Even a bun of 50 doesn't override a potassium of 3.0 in a renal patient in priority.

You better be making sure that patient on **Dig and Lasix** is getting **enough potassium**, because low potassium potentiates Dig and can cause dysrhythmias.

You will ask **every new admission** if he has an **advance directive**, and if not you will explain it, and he will have the option to sign or not.

An example of when you would implement before going through a bunch of assessments is when someone is experiencing **anaphylaxis**. Get the **ordered epinephrine** in them stat, especially if they stem clearly states the s/s (difficulty breathing, increasing anxiety, etc.)

In a disaster you should **triage** the person who is most likely to **not survive last**.

A little trick regarding potassium:

**ALKALOSIS**: K is LOW

Acidosis is just the opposite: K is High

The vital sign you should check first with **high potassium** is **pulse** (due to dysrhythmias).

Give **neostigmine** to clients with Myasthenia Gravis about 45 min. before eating, so it will help with **chewing and swallowing**.

**Anectine** is used for **short-term neuromuscular** blocking agent for procedures like intubation and ECT. Norcuron is for intermediate or long-term.

The **parathyroid gland** relies on the presence of **vitamin D** to work.

**Glucagon** increases the effects of oral **anticoagulants**.

**Bleeding** is part of the '**circulation**' assessment of the **ABCD's** in an emergent situation. Therefore, if airway and breathing are accounted for, a compound fracture requires assessment before Glasgow coma scale and a neuro check (D=disability, or neuro check)

The immediate intervention after a **sucking stab wound** is to dress the wound and tape it on three sides which allows air to **escape**. Do not use an occlusive dressing, which could convert the wound from open pneumo to closed one, and a tension pneumothorax is worse situation. After that get your chest tube tray, labs, iv.

An **occlusive dressing** is used if a **chest tube** is accidentally pulled out of the patient.

When o<sub>2</sub> deprived, as with a **PE**, the body compensates by causing hyperventilation (resp alkalosis). Should the patient breathe into a paper bag? No. If the pao<sub>2</sub> is well below 80 they need **oxygen**. Look at all your abg values. As soon as you see the words PE you should think oxygen first.

A typical adverse reaction to **oral hypoglycemics** is **rash**, photosensitivity.

**Serum acetone and serum ketones** rise in **DKA**. As you treat the acidosis and dehydration expect the **potassium to drop** rapidly, so be ready, with potassium replacement.

**Fluids** are the most important intervention with **HHNS** as well as **DKA**, so get fluids going first. With HHNS there is no ketosis, and no acidosis. Potassium is low in HHNS (d/t diuresis).

**Atropine blocks acetylcholine** (remember it reduces secretions).

Decorticate positioning in response to pain = **Cortex** involvement. **Decerebrate** in response to pain = Cerebellar, **brain stem** involvement

**Dantrium**, for spasticity, may **take a week** or more to be effective.

**Decreased acetylcholine** is related to senile **dementia**.

Hyperactive deep tendon reflexes, vision changes, fatigue and **spasticity** are all symptoms of **MS**

After removal of the **pituitary gland** you must watch for **hypocortisolism** and temporary diabetes insipidus.

Position on **right** side with legs flexed after **appendectomy**.

**Hirschsprung's** diagnosed with rectal biopsy looking for **absence of ganglionic** cells. Cardinal sign in infants is failure to pass meconium, and later the classic ribbon-like and foul smelling stools.

**Intussusception** common in kids with **CF**. Obstruction may cause fecal emesis, **currant jelly-like stools** (blood and mucus). A barium enema may be used to hydrostatically reduce the telescoping. Resolution is obvious, with onset of bowel movements.

With **omphalocele** and gastroschisis (herniation of abdominal contents) dress with **loose saline dressing** covered with plastic wrap, and keep eye on temp. Kid can lose heat quickly.

After a **hydrocele** repair provide **ice bags and scrotal support**.

**No phenylalanine** with a kid positive for **PKU** (no meat, no dairy, no aspartame).

**Second voided** urine most accurate when testing for **ketones** and glucose.

**Never give potassium** if the patient is **oliguric** or anuric.

**Nephrotic syndrome** is characterized by massive **proteinuria** (looks dark and frothy) caused by glomerular damage. Corticosteroids are the mainstay. Generalized edema common.

A **positive Western blot** in a child <18 months (presence of HIV antibodies) indicates only that the **mother** is infected. Two or more positive **p24 antigen** tests will confirm HIV in kids <18 months. The p24 can be used at any age.

For **HIV** kids **avoid OPV and Varicella** vaccinations (live), but give Pneumococcal and influenza. MMR is avoided only if the kid is severely immunocompromised. Parents should wear gloves for care, not kiss kids on the mouth, and not share eating utensils.

**Hypotension** and vasoconstricting meds may alter the accuracy of **o2 sats**.

An **antacid** should be given to a mechanically ventilated patient w/ an ng tube if the ph of the **aspirate is <5.0**. Aspirate should be checked at least every 12 hrs.

Ambient air (**room air**) contains **21%** oxygen.

The first sign of **ARDS** is **increased respirations**. Later comes dyspnea, retractions, air hunger, cyanosis.

Normal **PCWP (pulm capillary wedge pressure)** is **8-13**. Readings of 18-20 are considered high.

First sign of **PE** is **sudden chest pain**, followed by dyspnea and tachypnea.

**High potassium** is expected with **carbon dioxide narcosis** (hydrogen floods the cell forcing potassium out). Carbon dioxide narcosis causes increased intracranial pressure.

Pulmonary **sarcoidosis** leads to **right sided** heart failure.

An **NG tube** can be irrigated with **cola**, and should be taught to family when a client is going home with an NG tube.

**Digitalis** increases **ventricular irritability**, and could convert a rhythm to v-fib following cardioversion.

If your normally lucid patient starts **seeing bugs** you better check his **respiratory** status first. The first sign of hypoxia is restlessness, followed by agitation, and things go downhill from there all the way to delirium, hallucinations, and coma. So check the o2 stat, and get abg's if possible.

The biggest concern with **cold stress** and the newborn is **respiratory** distress.

Look carefully when you have no idea. In a word like rhabdomyosarcoma you can easily ascertain



it has something to do with muscle (myo) cancer (sarcoma). The same thing goes for drug names. For example, if it ends in -ide it's probably a diuretic, as in Furosemide, and Amyloride.

**Lasix** can cause a patient to lose his appetite (**anorexia**) due to reduced potassium.

If your laboring mom's water breaks and she is any **minus station** you better know there is a risk of **prolapsed cord**.

In a **five-year old breathe once for every 5** compressions doing cpr.

After **g-tube placement** the stomach contents are drained by gravity for **24 hours** before it can be used for feedings.

Cephalhematoma (**caput succinidanium**) resolves on its own in a few days. This is the type of edema that **crosses the suture** lines.

During the acute stage of **Hep-A gown and gloves** are required. In the convalescent stage it is no longer contagious.

**Low magnesium and high creatinine signal renal failure.**

**Pain** is usually the highest priority with **RA**

If a **TB** patient is unable/unwilling to **comply** with tx they may need supervision (direct observation). TB is a public health risk.

Level of **consciousness** is the most important assessment parameter with **status epilepticus**.

**Crackles** suggest pneumonia, which is likely to be accompanied by **hypoxia**, which would manifest itself as mental confusion, etc.

**Can't cough=ineffective airway clearance**

**Absence of menstruation** leads to **osteoporosis** in the anorexic.

**Toddlers** need to express autonomy (**independence**)

A patient with a **low hemoglobin and/or hematocrit** should be evaluated for signs of **bleeding**, such as dark stools.

A **laxative** is given the night before an **IVP** in order to better visualize the organs.

A patient with liver **cirrhosis and edema** may **ambulate**, then sit with legs elevated to try to mobilize the edema.

**Managing stress** in a patient with adrenal insufficiency (**Addison's**) is paramount, because if the adrenal glands are stressed further it could result in Addisonian crisis. While we're on Addison's, remember blood pressure is the most important assessment parameter, as it causes severe **hypotension**.

After pain relief, **cough and deep breathe** is important in **pancreatitis**, because of fluid pushing up in the diaphragm.

**Safety** over Nutrition with a severely **depressed** client.

**Prolonged hypoxemia** is a likely cause of **cardiac arrest** in a child.

**Fluid volume overload** caused by IVC fluids infusing too quickly (or whatever reason) and CHF can cause an **S3**

**Coarctation of the aorta** causes increased blood flow and **bounding pulses in the arms**

A **newly diagnosed hypertension** patient should have BP assessed in **both arms**

**Depression** often manifests itself in **somatic** ways, such as psychomotor retardation, GI complaints, and pain.

**Respiratory** problems are the chief concern with **CF**

speaking of TB... PPD is positive if area of induration is:

>5 mm in an immunocompromised patient

>10 mm in a normal patient

>15 mm in a patient who lives in an area where TB is very rare.

another tip:

HbA1c - test to assess how well blood sugars have been controlled over the past 90-120 days. 4-6 corresponds to a blood sugar of 70-110; 7 is ideal for a diabetic and corresponds to a blood sugar of 130.

**BSA** is considered the **most accurate** method for medication dosing with kids. (I thought it was weight, but apparently not)

Place a **wheelchair** parallel to the bed on the **side of weakness**

If one nurse discovers another nurse has made a **mistake** it is always appropriate to **speak to her** before going to management. If the situation persists, **then** take it higher.

**Sepsis and anaphylaxis** (along with the obvious hemorrhaging) reduce circulating volume by way of increased capillary permeability, which leads to **reduced preload** (volume in the left ventricle at the end of diastole). This is a toughie...think about it.

**Amniotic fluid is alkaline**, and turns nitrazine paper **blue**. Urine and normal vaginal discharge are acidic, and turn it pink.

**Gonorrhea** is a **reportable** disease

Remember the phrase "**step up**" when picturing a person going up **stairs** with crutches. The good leg goes up first, followed by the crutches and the bad leg. The opposite happens going down. The crutches go first, followed by the good leg.

While treating **DKA**, bringing the glucose down **too far and too fast** can result in increased **intracranial pressure** d/t water being pulled into the CSF.

**Polyuria** is common with the **hypercalcemia** caused by hyperparathyroidism.

Remember the action of **vasopressin** because it sounds like "press in", or **vasoconstrict**.

**Water intoxication** will be evidenced by **drowsiness** and altered mental status in a patient with TUR syndrome, or as an adverse reaction to desmopressin (for diabetes insipidus).

**Burning sensation** in the mouth, and brassy taste are adverse reactions to **Lugol solution** (for

hyperthyroid). Report it to the doc.

Give **synthroid** on an **empty** stomach

**Extra insulin** may be needed for a patient taking **Prednisone** (remember, steroids cause increased glucose).

**Nonfat milk** reduces **reflux** by increasing lower esophageal sphincter pressure

Patients with **GERD** should lay on their **left** side with the HOB elevated 30 degrees.

Unusual positional tip - **Low-fowlers** recommended **during meals** to prevent **dumping syndrome**. Limit fluids while eating.

In **emphysema** the **stimulus** to breathe is **low PO<sub>2</sub>**, not increased PCO<sub>2</sub> like the rest of us, so don't slam them with oxygen. Encourage **pursed-lip breathing** which promotes **CO<sub>2</sub> elimination**, encourage up to 3000mL/day fluids, high-fowlers and leaning forward.

**Theophylline** causes **GI** upset, give with food

**TB** drugs are **liver** toxic. (Does your patient have hepB?) An adverse reaction is **peripheral neuropathy**.