OBJECTIVES

1. Describe two types of rapid assessment techniques and how to employ them for the best outcome during a patient emergency.
2. Evaluate techniques for getting critical information during a rapid patient assessment.
3. Investigate EARLY assessment findings in clinical syndromes that may progress rapidly and cause life-threatening conditions.
4. Prioritize nursing actions for specific neurological, cardiac, respiratory and endocrine emergencies.
5. Review care of the diabetic patient in diabetic ketoacidosis versus HYPERTENSION.
6. Define heart failure with regards to left- and right-sided failure.
7. Identify patient populations who are at high-risk for bedside emergencies.
8. Discuss how to integrate assessment data and critical findings into the plan of care for a patient experiencing a life-threatening emergency.
9. Explain a strategic approach in evaluating abdominal pain for the most accurate assessment.
10. Contrast the difference between ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke in both symptoms and treatment priorities.
11. Recognize the most common causes of arterial blood gas abnormalities.
12. Analyze pain management and sedation options for the patient experiencing an acute illness.

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