

1. After placing a 36-week gestation newborn in an isolette and drying the infant with several blankets, what should the nurse implement next?
 - a. Place erythromycin ophthalmic ointment in both eyes
2. A client in the third trimester of pregnancy complains of frequent nasal stiffness and occasional nosebleeds. Her chest circumference has increased by 5 cm during the pregnancy, and she uses thoracic breathing. Her diaphragm is elevated and she has an increased costal angle. Which intervention should the nurse implement?
 - a. Examine the client for signs of tissue anoxia, such as pallor
3. A terminally ill male hospice client who is at home is showing decreased awareness of his surroundings. His appetite is poor and he often refuses oral intake of solids and liquids. For the past several days he has been unable to get out of bed. Which action should the hospice nurse implement?
 - a. Teach the family how to assist the client to a wheelchair
4. A woman was admitted yesterday afternoon with severe abdominal pain. Her pregnancy test and ultrasound were negative, so an exploratory laparotomy was completed during the night. When coffee ground materials is observed in the drainage from the nasogastric tube (NGT), which intervention should the nurse implement?
 - a. Verify correct placement of the nasogastric tube
5. The nurse is reviewing the laboratory values for a client with acute pancreatitis who reports of the abdominal pain is not as severe as it was on admission. Which laboratory test should the nurse review to evaluate the client's clinical recovery?
 - a. Lipase
6. While assessing a client who had a laparotomy the previous day, the nurse notices that 300 mL of dark red fluid has drained from the nasogastric tube in the last hour. Which action should the nurse take first?
 - a. Assess the client's level of pain
7. The nurse is reviewing the recommended preventative care for clients with asthma, chronic bronchitis, and emphysema. Which health care measure is most important for the nurse to recommend to these clients?
 - a. Avoid large crowded areas during the colder months of the year
8. The mother of a one-month-old infant calls the clinic to report that the back of her infant's head is flat. How should the nurse respond?
 - a. Position the infant on the stomach occasionally when awake and active
9. A woman is brought to the labor and delivery unit after delivering a term infant and the placenta in the hospital parking lot 10 minutes ago. Which action should the nurse perform first?
 - a. Place the infant to the breast for bonding
10. A client has a new prescription for the maximum recommended dosage of piperacillin/tazobactam for nosocomial pneumonia. The nurse should report which laboratory finding to the healthcare provider before administering the prescribed dose?
 - a. Presence of gram positive bacteria in the sputum

11. A client who is admitted with diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) is demonstrating Kussmaul breathing and has a severe headache along with nausea. Her arterial blood gases (ABG) are: pH 7.50; PaCO₂ 30 mmHg; HCO₃ 24 mEq/L (24mmol/L). Which assessment finding warrants immediate intervention by the nurse?
 - a. Fruity breath
12. When performing postural drainage on a client with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary disease (COPD), which approach should the nurse use?
 - a. Explain that the client may be placed in five positions
13. A young male client with testicular cancer has a living will that describes his desire that no extraordinary measures be taken to save his life. The healthcare provider knows the client has a good prognosis and refuses to write a "do not resuscitate" (DNR) prescription. Which action should the nurse take?
 - a. Place a DNR bracelet on the client's arm
14. In observing a client's face, which assessment finding requires the most immediate intervention by the nurse?
 - a. Oral mucosa is cyanotic
15. The nurse is assessing a client with cirrhosis and notes that the client has a positive Babinski reflex. Which action should the nurse take in response to the finding?
 - a. Complete a thorough neurological assessment
16. Which action should the nurse take first after obtaining a urine specimen for culture and sensitivity from an indwelling urinary catheter?
 - a. Label the container with the client's identifiers
17. The home health nurse observes an older client with unilateral weakness place the walker in front of the chair for support while rising to a standing position. Which action should the nurse take?
 - a. Instruct the client to use the arms of the chair for support
18. A client with cancer complains of fever, chills, malaise, and headache following administration of a colony-stimulating factor. Which nursing intervention is most beneficial in helping to reduce the flu-like symptoms?
 - a. Monitor lab values for an increase in WBCs
19. Which laboratory value should the nurse review prior to administering the initial dose of a statin medication?
 - a. Serum liver enzymes
20. Following a lumbar puncture, a client voices several concerns. Which concern indicates to the nurse that the client is experiencing a complication of the procedure?
 - a. I have a headache that gets worse when I sit up
21. The nurse is caring for a client withdrawing from a fentanyl citrate addiction. The client receives a prescription for clonidine 0.2 mg PO taken twice daily. Which action should the nurse take?
 - a. Advise to sit up slowly from a reclining position

22. A 7-year-old child is admitted to the hospital with a diagnosis of acute rheumatic fever. In obtaining a health history from the child's mother, the recent occurrence of what illness is most significant?
 - a. Sore throat
23. Following discharge teaching, a client with a duodenal ulcer tells the nurse of plans to eat plenty of dairy products, such as milk, to help coat and protect their ulcer. Which is the best follow-up action by the nurse?
 - a. Review with the client the need to avoid foods that are rich in milk and cream
24. The nurse assesses a client with cirrhosis and find 4+ pitting edema of the feet and legs, and massive ascites. Which mechanism contributes to edema and ascites in clients with cirrhosis?
 - a. Hypoalbuminemia that results in a decreased colloidal oncotic pressure
25. The nurse is caring for an adolescent client with an intestinal obstruction who presents with severe, colicky abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal distention. Which pathophysiological mechanism supports the client's clinical presentation?
 - a. A weakened diaphragm with high abdominal pressure
26. An adult who was recently diagnosed with glaucoma tells the nurse, "it feels like I am driving through a tunnel." The client expresses great concern about going blind. Which nursing instruction is most important for the nurse to provide to this client?
 - a. Maintain prescribed eye drop regimen
27. The charge nurse is making assignments on a cardiac unit. Which client is best to assign to a new graduate who is orienting to the unit? A client
 - a. With atrial fibrillation whose saline lock is infiltrated
28. Penicillin G procaine 240,000 units intramuscularly is prescribed for a 4-year-old child who has streptococcal respiratory infection. The medication vial is labeled 1,200,000 units/2mL. How many mL should the nurse administer?
 - a. 0.4
29. A client in labor states, "I think my water just broke!" The nurse notes that the umbilical cord is on the perineum. What action should the nurse perform first?
 - a. Place the client in trendelenburg
30. A client who was recently diagnosed with anorexia nervosa collapses at an outpatient clinic. While taking the blood pressure, the client begins to demonstrate cloudy consciousness, stupor, and has slurred speech. The nurse obtains blood glucose of 50 mg/dL, heart rate of 116 beats/minute, and blood pressure of 88/50 mmHg. Which intervention is most important for the nurse to implement?
 - a. Position client with head flat and feet elevated
31. The nurse is planning care for a 16-year-old, who has juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) > the nurse includes activities to strengthen and mobilize the

- joints surrounding muscle. Which physical therapy regimen should the nurse encourage the adolescent to implement?
- a. Exercise in the swimming pool
32. The nurse is educating a client with end-stage kidney failure who requires dialysis three times a week. Which information is important for the nurse to include about the clients daily diet?
- a. The protein intake should be decreased to prevent nitrogenous waste buildup
33. A client is admitted to the hospital with symptoms consistent with a right hemispheric stroke. Which neurovascular assessment requires immediate intervention by the nurse?
- a. Unequal bilateral hand grip strengths
34. As part of the treatment plan for a client diagnosed with acute pancreatitis, the nurse plans to withhold oral fluids on which pathophysiological process?
- a. Decreasing the formation and secretion of pancreatic enzymes
35. A male client being treated for testicular cancer with chemotherapy has decreased alpha fetoprotein radioimmunoassay (AFP). Which nursing intervention should the nurse implement?
- a. Inform the client that his chemotherapy dose will probably be increased
36. The nurse plans to administer a bolus dose of IV heparin based on the clients weight. The prescribed bolus dose is 100 units/kg. The client weighs 198 pounds. How many units of Heparin should the nurse administer?
- a. 900
37. A successful businessman presents to the community mental health center complaining of sleeplessness and anxiety over his financial status. What action should the nurse take to assist this client in diminishing his anxiety?
- a. Reinforce the reality of his financial situation
38. The nurse is caring for a child newly diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD). The child's mother asks about information of the treatment options. Which information is most helpful for the nurse to provide?
- a. Offer effective time management strategies
39. A client is receiving a continuous infusion of normal saline at 125 mL/hour post abdominal surgery. The client is drowsy and complaining of constant abdominal pain and a headache. Urine output is 800 mL ...
- a. Administer PRN dose of acetaminophen
40. The nurse is evaluating teaching about drug therapy to treat gout. Which statement by the client demonstrates an understanding of the use of allopurinol to treat gout?
- a. The pain and swelling can be controlled by taking this drug every day
41. The nurse documents that a male client with schizophrenia is delusional. Which statement by the client confirms this assessment?
- a. The nurse at night is trying to poison me with pills
42. A postoperative client has a large amount of serosanguineous drainage on the surgical dressing and the nurse notes that the operative report indicates that

- the client has a Penrose drain near the incision. What intervention should the nurse implement when changing the client's dressing?
- a. Place sterile gauze dressing under the Penrose drain
43. The nurse plans to administer a low dose prescription for dopamine to a client who is in septic shock. Which physiological parameter should the nurse use to evaluate a therapeutic response to dopamine?
- a. Urinary output
44. An older client with cirrhosis of the liver and hepatic failure is placed on a low sodium diet and is receiving periodic albumin infusions. Which assessment finding indicates progress toward the desired effect of this treatment plan?
- a. Prothrombin time within normal limits
45. Which assessment finding places a client at risk for problems associated with impaired skin integrity?
- a. Capillary refill of 5 seconds
46. A client is discussing feelings related to a recent loss with the nurse. The nurse remains silent when the client says, "I don't know how I will go on." What is the reason for the nurse's behavior?
- a. The nurse is stating disapproval of the statement
47. The nurse is assessing the mood of a depressed male client. When asked how he feels, the client looks down and states, "I don't know! I just can't think." Which activity should the nurse suggest that this client perform?
- a. Set daily goals in the community meeting
48. A female client is admitted to the hospital with a diagnosis of right lower quadrant (RLQ) abdominal pain and a possible ectopic pregnancy...
- a. Normal Saline (NS) at 20 mL/hr
49. While admitting a client to the surgical unit who had a pneumonectomy 4 hours ago, the call system alarm is initiated by a client in another room. Which action should the nurse implement?
- a. Ask a coworker to respond to the client whose call bell is alarming
50. A client with rheumatoid arthritis has an elevated serum rheumatoid factor. Which interpretation of this finding should the nurse take?
- a. Confirmation of the autoimmune disease process
51. Which dietary instruction should the nurse include when teaching a client how to reduce episodes of Raynaud's Syndrome?
- a. Eliminate caffeine intake
52. A middle-aged client is returned from the intensive care unit to the surgical unit following a right pneumonectomy for cancer of the lung...
- a. A high pitched coarse sound over the trachea
53. When is the best time for the nurse to assess a client for residual urine?
- a. When the client's bladder is distended
54. The nurse is reviewing a client's urinalysis results and identifies a specific gravity of 1.035. Which action should the nurse implement based on this finding?
- a. Explain that the urine finding is normal