



Pharmacology Practice Questions

Pharmacology Crash Course with Rhonda Lawes

1 The nurse assesses a client receiving cisplatin. Which question is most important for the nurse to ask?

- a. Have you noticed any changes in your hearing?
- b. Do you often awaken during the night?
- c. Is there swelling in your feet or legs?
- d. Are you experiencing any joint pain?

Rationale:

2 The nurse assesses a client's at-home medication compliance. Mr. Baird has type 1 diabetes and has been prescribed albuterol, lisinopril, methylprednisone, and fludrocortisone for 10 years. Which of the following client statements requires immediate follow-up?

- a. „I've noticed that my face looks a lot fuller since taking my medications“
- b. „My heartbeat is faster, and I feel shaky when I stand up“
- c. „I use my inhaler when I feel short of breath after walking“
- d. „My blood sugars are difficult to control, and my doctor has ordered sliding-scale insulin coverage.“

Rationale:

3 The nurse provides care for a client in the emergency department (ED) who has been receiving haloperidol. Which of the following requires an immediate intervention?

- a. Blood glucose level of 70
- b. 2 + Deep tendon reflex
- c. Temperature of 103 F (39.4 C)
- d. Heart rate of 58 / min

Rationale:

4 Which client statement indicates the client understands the teaching about receiving phenelzine?

- a. „I eat smoked salmon with cream cheese on a bagel every morning“
- b. „I can drink Chianti wine but not vermouth in the evening to relax“
- c. „My blood sugar is better controlled now that I am taking phenelzine“
- d. „I cannot take meperidine for pain control while on phenelzine.“

Rationale:

5 Mr. Yoes has a history of bipolar disorder, has been taking Lithium daily, and has called the clinic to discuss a concern. Which wof the following client statements is most important for the nurse to follow up on?

- a. „I get very dizzy when I stand up“
- b. „I don't like taking medication every day“
- c. „My legs don't seem to work right“
- d. „My mood swings are better“

Rationale:

6 The nurse assesses a client who is taking spironolactone (a potassium-sparing diuretic) dai-ly. The health care provider has just ordered captopril. Which action is most important for the nurse to implement?

- e. Assess the client's heart rate
- f. Educate the client to take the first dose at bedtime
- g. Assess the client for any history of GI bleeding
- h. Auscultate the client's lung sounds

Rationale:

7 The nurse instructs a client who is receiving digoxin. Which statement made by the client would require the nurse to intervene?

- a. „I have been experiencing nausea for the past 3 days“
- b. „I keep all of my medication in a separate container“
- c. „My arthritis pain is becoming more severe“
- d. „My mood swings are better“

Rationale:

8 The nurse cares for a client in the emergency department (ED) who was admitted with ab-dominal trauma after a motor vehicle accident. Vital signs: HR 126/min, BP 90/58 mm Hg, RR 24, Temp 98.9°F (37.3°C). Which of the following orders would be most important for the nurse to question?

- a. 0.45 % Saline at 100 mL / hour
- b. 0.9 % Saline at 150 mL / hour
- c. Lactated Ringer's at 75 mL / hour
- d. 1 unit packed red blood cells

Rationale:

9 The nurse is caring for a client on a medical floor who is receiving furosemide daily. Which action is most important for the nurse to implement?

- a. Assess the client's blood pressure
- b. Assess the client's daily weight
- c. Assess the client's heart rate
- d. Assess the client's intake and output

Rationale:

10 Which of the following clients is it most important for the nurse to educate regarding the impact of grapefruit juice with their medication? (Select all that apply)

- a. Simvastatin
- b. Fexofenadine
- c. Metoprolol

- d. Carbamazepine
- e. Penicillin
- f. Acetaminophen

Rationale:



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Bad for Ears (Ototoxicity)!

- Antibiotics**
 - Gentamicin and tobramycin
 - Macrolides (erythromycin)
- Loop diuretics**
 - Furosemide
- Chemotherapy**
 - Cisplatin
 - Carboplatin

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NURSING ASSESSMENT OF THE ABDOMINAL CAVITY

Order of abdominal assessment:

1. Inspect
2. Auscultate
3. Percuss
4. Palpate

REMEMBER
This abdominal order varies from other areas of the body.

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