

Self Evaluation / Prioritization and Clinical Judgment

75 Questions. Set timer for 2 hours. Stop at that time for a 15-minute break.

After break, return and finish the remaining questions.

1. The new graduate (GN) working on a medical unit night shift is concerned that the RN charge nurse is drinking alcohol on duty. On more than one occasion, the new graduate has smelled alcohol when the charge nurse returns from a break. Which action should the new graduate nurse implement **first**?
 1. Confront the charge nurse with the suspicions.
 2. Talk with the night supervisor about the concerns.
 3. Ignore the situation unless the nurse cannot do her job.
 4. Ask to speak to the nurse educator about the problem.
2. The charge nurse observes two unlicensed assistive personnel (UAPs) arguing in the hallway. Which action should the RN implement **first** in this situation?
 1. Tell the manager to check on the UAPs.
 2. Instruct the UAPs to stop arguing in the hallway.
 3. Have the UAPs go to a private room to talk.
 4. Mediate the dispute between the UAPs.
3. The graduate nurse (GN) is working with an unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) who has been an employee of the hospital for 12 years. However, tasks delegated to the UAP by the graduate nurse are frequently not completed. Which action should the GN take **first**?
 1. Tell the RN charge nurse the UAP will not do tasks as delegated by the nurse.
 2. Write up a counseling record with objective data and give it to the manager.
 3. Complete the delegated tasks and do nothing about the insubordination.
 4. Address the UAP to discuss why the tasks are not being done as requested.
4. The RN primary nurse informs the shift manager that one of the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAPs) is falsifying vital signs. Which action should the RN shift manager implement **first**?
 1. Notify the unit manager of the potential situation of falsifying vital signs.
 2. Take the assigned client's vital signs and compare with the UAP's results.
 3. Talk to the UAP about the primary nurse's allegation.
 4. Complete a counseling record and place it in the UAP's file.
5. The nurse hung the wrong intravenous antibiotic for the postoperative client. Which intervention should the nurse implement **first**?
 1. Assess the client for any adverse reactions.
 2. Complete the incident or occurrence report.
 3. Administer the correct intravenous antibiotic medication.
 4. Notify the client's health-care provider.

6. The registered nurse (RN), a licensed practical nurse (LPN), and an unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) are caring for clients in a critical care unit. Which task would be **most** appropriate for the RN to assign or delegate?
 1. Instruct the UAP to obtain the client's serum glucose level.
 2. Request the LPN to change the central line dressing.
 3. Ask the LPN to bathe the client and change the bed linens.
 4. Tell the UAP to obtain urine output for the 12-hour shift.
7. Which task should the RN critical care nurse delegate to the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP)?
 1. Check the pulse oximeter reading for the client on a ventilator.
 2. Take the client's sterile urine specimen to the laboratory.
 3. Obtain the vital signs for the client in an Addisonian crisis.
 4. Assist the HCP with performing a paracentesis at the bedside.
8. Which situation would prompt the health-care team to utilize the client's advance directive when needing to make decisions for the client?
 1. The client diagnosed with a head injury who is exhibiting decerebrate posturing
 2. The client diagnosed with a C-6 spinal cord injury (SCI) who is on a ventilator
 3. The client diagnosed with chronic renal disease who is being placed on dialysis
 4. The client diagnosed with terminal cancer who is intellectually disabled
9. The RN is caring for clients on a skilled nursing unit. Which tasks should be delegated to the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP)? **Select all that apply.**
 1. Instruct the UAP to apply sequential compression devices to the client on strict bedrest.
 2. Ask the UAP to assist the radiology tech to position a client for a STAT portable chest x-ray.
 3. Request the UAP to prepare the client for a wound debridement at the bedside.
 4. Tell the UAP to obtain the intakes and outputs (I&Os) for all the clients on the unit.
 5. Ask the UAP to check a client's blood glucose with the glucometer ac and hs.
10. The nurse is assigned to a quality improvement committee to decide on a quality improvement project for the unit. Which issue should the nurse discuss at the committee meetings?
 1. Systems that make it difficult for the nurses to do their job
 2. How unhappy the nurses are with their current pay scale
 3. Collective bargaining activity at a nearby hospital
 4. The number of medication errors committed by an individual nurse
11. The clinic manager is discussing osteoporosis with the clinic staff. Which activity is an example of a secondary nursing intervention when discussing osteoporosis?
 1. Obtain a bone density evaluation test on a female client older than 50.
 2. Perform a spinal screening examination on all female clients.
 3. Encourage the client to walk 30 minutes daily on a hard surface.
 4. Discuss risk factors for developing osteoporosis.
12. The female home health (HH) aide calls the office and reports pain after feeling a pulling in her back when she was transferring the client from the bed to the wheelchair. Which **priority** action should the RN home health (HH) nurse tell the HH aide?
 1. Explain how to perform isometric exercises.
 2. Instruct her to go to the local emergency room.
 3. Tell her to complete an occurrence report.
 4. Recommend that she apply an ice pack to the back.

13. The client diagnosed with osteoarthritis is 6 weeks postoperative for open reduction and internal fixation (ORIF) of the right hip. The home health (HH) aide tells the RN HH nurse the client will not get in the shower in the morning because she “hurts all over.” Which action would be **most** appropriate by the HH nurse?
1. Tell the HH aide to allow the client to stay in bed until the pain goes away.
 2. Instruct the HH aide to get the client up to a chair and give her a bath.
 3. Explain to the HH aide the client should get up and take a warm shower.
 4. Arrange an appointment for the client to visit her health-care provider.
14. The RN home health (HH) nurse is discussing the care of a client with the HH aide. Which task should the HH nurse delegate to the HH aide?
1. Instruct the HH aide to assist the client with a shower.
 2. Ask the HH aide to prepare the breakfast meal for the client.
 3. Request the HH aide to take the client to an HCP’s appointment.
 4. Tell the HH aide to show the client how to use a glucometer.
15. The unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) is preparing to provide post-mortem care to a client with a questionable diagnosis of anthrax. Which instruction is the **priority** for the RN to provide to the UAP?
1. The UAP is not at risk for contracting an illness.
 2. The UAP should wear a mask, gown, and gloves.
 3. The UAP may skip performing post-mortem care.
 4. Ask whether the UAP is pregnant before she enters the client’s room.
16. The client on a medical unit died of a communicable disease. Which information should the nurse provide to the mortuary workers?
1. No information can be released to the mortuary service.
 2. The nurse should tell the funeral home the client’s diagnosis.
 3. Ask the family for permission to talk with the mortician.
 4. Refer the funeral home to the HCP for information.
17. The new graduate nurse (GN) is assigned to work with an unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) to provide care for a group of clients. Which action by the nurse is the **best** method to evaluate whether delegated care is being provided?
1. Check with the clients to see whether they are satisfied.
 2. Ask the RN charge nurse whether the UAP is qualified.
 3. Make rounds to see that the clients are being turned as delegated.
 4. Watch the UAP perform all the delegated tasks.
18. The RN pediatric charge nurse is making assignments on a pediatric unit. Which client should be assigned to the licensed practical nurse (LPN)?
1. The 6-year-old client diagnosed with sickle cell crisis
 2. The 8-year-old client diagnosed with biliary atresia
 3. The 10-year-old client diagnosed with anaphylaxis
 4. The 11-year-old client diagnosed with pneumonia
19. The nurse is caring for the following clients on a medical unit. Which client should the nurse assess **first**?
1. The client diagnosed with disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC) who has blood oozing from the intravenous site and is having a seizure
 2. The client diagnosed with benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH) who is reporting terminal dribbling and inability to empty bladder
 3. The client diagnosed with renal calculi who is reporting severe flank pain and has hematuria
 4. The client diagnosed with Addison’s disease who has bronze skin pigmentation and hypoglycemia

20. The charge nurse is making assignments in the day surgery center. Which client should be assigned to the **most** experienced nurse?
1. The client who had surgery for an inguinal hernia and is being prepared for discharge
 2. The client who is in the preoperative area and is scheduled for laparoscopic cholecystectomy
 3. The client who has completed scheduled chemotherapy treatment and is receiving two units of blood
 4. The client who has end-stage renal disease and has had an arteriovenous fistula created
21. The RN charge nurse of a critical care unit is making assignments for the night shift. Which client should be assigned to the graduate nurse (GN) who has just completed an internship?
1. The client diagnosed with a head injury resulting from a motor vehicle accident (MVA) whose Glasgow Coma Scale score is 13
 2. The client diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) who has severe diarrhea and a serum K⁺ level of 3.2 mEq/L
 3. The client diagnosed with Addison's disease who is lethargic and has a BP of 80/45, P of 124, and R rate of 28
 4. The client diagnosed with hyperthyroidism who has undergone a thyroidectomy and has a positive Trousseau's sign
22. The nurse on a medical unit has just received the evening shift report. Which client should the nurse assess **first**?
1. The client diagnosed with a deep vein thrombosis (DVT) who has a heparin drip infusion and a PTT of 92
 2. The client diagnosed with pneumonia who has an oral temperature of 100.2°F
 3. The client diagnosed with cystitis who reports burning on urination
 4. The client diagnosed with pancreatitis who reports pain that is an 8
23. The 75-year-old client has undergone an open cholecystectomy for cholelithiasis 2 days ago and has a t-tube drain in place. Which intervention should the RN delegate to the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP)? **Select all that apply.**
1. Explain the procedure for using the patient-controlled analgesia (PCA) pump.
 2. Check the client's abdominal dressing for drainage.
 3. Take and record the client's vital signs.
 4. Empty the client's indwelling catheter bag at the end of the shift.
 5. Assist the client to ambulate in the hallway three to four times a day.
24. The surgical unit has a low census and is overstaffed. Which staff member should the house supervisor notify **first** and request to stay home?
1. The nurse who has the most vacation time
 2. The nurse who requested to be off
 3. The nurse who has the least experience on the unit
 4. The nurse who has called in sick the previous 2 days
25. The nurse and the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) are caring for residents in a long-term care facility. Which task should the RN delegate to the UAP?
1. Apply a sterile dressing to a stage IV pressure wound.
 2. Check the blood glucose level of a resident who is weak and shaky.
 3. Document the amount of food the residents ate after a meal.
 4. Teach the residents how to play different types of bingo.
26. The RN director of nurses in a long-term care facility observes the licensed practical nurse (LPN) charge nurse explaining to an unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) how to calculate the amount of food a resident has eaten from the food tray. Which action should the director of nurses implement?
1. Ask the charge nurse to teach all the other UAPs.
 2. Encourage the nurse to continue to work with the UAP.
 3. Tell the charge nurse to discuss this in a private area.
 4. Give the UAP a better explanation of the procedure.

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27. The RN wound care nurse in a long-term care facility asks the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) for assistance. Which tasks should be delegated to the UAP? **Select all that apply.**
1. Apply the wound debriding paste to the wound.
 2. Keep the resident's heels off the surface of the bed.
 3. Turn the resident at least every 2 hours.
 4. Encourage the resident to drink a high-protein shake.
 5. Assist the resident to put on a clean shirt.
28. The older adult client becomes confused and wanders in the hallways. Which fall precaution intervention should the nurse implement **first**?
1. Place a Posey vest restraint on the client.
 2. Move the client to a room near the nurse's station.
 3. Ask the HCP for an antipsychotic medication.
 4. Raise all four side rails on the client's bed.
29. The clinic nurse is caring for a client diagnosed with osteoarthritis. The client tells the nurse, "I am having problems getting in and out of my bathtub." Which intervention should the clinic nurse implement **first**?
1. Determine whether the client has grab bars in the bathroom.
 2. Encourage the client to take a shower instead of a bath.
 3. Initiate a referral to a physical therapist for the client.
 4. Discuss whether the client takes nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).
30. The employee health nurse has cared for six clients who have similar symptoms. The clients have a fever, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Which action should the nurse implement **first** after assessing the clients?
1. Have another employee drive the clients home.
 2. Notify the public health department immediately.
 3. Send the clients to the emergency department.
 4. Obtain stool specimens from the clients.
31. The clinic nurse is caring for clients in a pediatric clinic. Which client should the nurse assess **first**?
1. The 4-year-old child who fell and is reporting left leg pain
 2. The 3-year-old child who is drooling and does not want to swallow
 3. The 8-year-old child who has reported a headache for 2 days
 4. The 10-year-old child who is thirsty all the time and has lost weight
32. Which statement is an example of community-oriented, population-focused nursing?
1. The nurse cares for an older adult client who had a kidney transplant and lives in the community.
 2. The nurse develops an educational program for the type 2 diabetics in the community.
 3. The nurse refers a client diagnosed with Cushing's syndrome to the registered dietitian.
 4. The nurse provides the client diagnosed with chronic renal disease a pamphlet.
33. The home health (HH) agency director of nursing is making assignments for the nurses. Which client should be assigned to the nurse **new** to HH nursing?
1. The client diagnosed with AIDS who is dyspneic and confused
 2. The client who does not have the money to get prescriptions filled
 3. The client diagnosed with full-thickness burns on the arm who needs a dressing change
 4. The client reporting pain who is diagnosed with diabetic neuropathy

34. The RN home health (HH) nurse along with an HH aide is caring for a client who is 3 weeks postoperative for open reduction and internal fixation of a right hip fracture. Which task would be appropriate for the nurse to delegate to the HH aide?
1. Instruct the HH aide to palpate the right pedal pulse.
 2. Ask the HH aide to change the right hip dressing.
 3. Tell the HH aide to elevate the right leg on two pillows.
 4. Request the HH aide to mop the client's bedroom floor.
35. The charge nurse has received laboratory data for clients in the medical department. Which client would require intervention by the charge nurse?
1. The client diagnosed with a myocardial infarction (MI) who has an elevated troponin level
 2. The client receiving IV heparin who has a partial thromboplastin time (PTT) of 68 seconds
 3. The client diagnosed with end-stage liver failure who has an elevated ammonia level
 4. The client receiving phenytoin who has levels of 24 mcg/mL
36. Which client would **most** benefit from acupuncture, a traditional Chinese technique considered complementary alternative medicine?
1. The client diagnosed with deep vein thrombosis
 2. The client diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease
 3. The client diagnosed with reactive airway disease
 4. The client diagnosed with osteoarthritis
37. The home health (HH) nurse notes the 88-year-old female client is unable to cook for herself and mainly eats frozen foods and sandwiches. Which intervention should the RN implement?
1. Discuss the situation with the client's family.
 2. Refer the client to the HH occupational therapist.
 3. Request the HH aide to cook all the client's meals.
 4. Contact the community's Meals on Wheels.
38. Which legal intervention should the nurse implement on the initial visit when admitting a client to the home health-care agency?
1. Discuss the professional boundary-crossing policy with the client.
 2. Provide the client with a copy of the NAHC Bill of Rights.
 3. Tell the client how many visits the client will have while on service.
 4. Explain that the client must be homebound to be eligible for home health care.
39. The unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) accidentally pulled the client's chest tube out while assisting the client to the bedside commode. Which intervention should the RN implement **first**?
1. Securely tape petroleum gauze over the insertion site.
 2. Instruct the UAP how to move a client with a chest tube.
 3. Assess the client's respirations and lung sounds.
 4. Obtain a chest tube and a chest tube insertion tray.
40. The RN pediatric nurse and licensed practical nurse (LPN) have been assigned to care for clients on a pediatric unit. Which nursing task should be assigned to the LPN?
1. Administer PO medications to a client diagnosed with gastroenteritis.
 2. Take the routine vital signs for all the clients on the pediatric unit.
 3. Transcribe the HCP's orders into the computer.
 4. Assess the urinary output of a client diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome.

41. The hospital will be implementing a new electronic medication administration record (eMAR) for documenting medication administration. Which action should the clinical manager take **first** when implementing the new eMAR?
1. Discuss the new eMAR with each nurse individually.
 2. Schedule meetings on all shifts to discuss the new eMAR.
 3. Require the nurse to read a handout explaining the new eMAR.
 4. Ask the nurses to watch a video explaining the new eMAR.
42. Which client warrants **immediate** intervention from the nurse on the medical unit?
1. The client diagnosed with an abdominal aortic aneurysm who has an audible bruit
 2. The client diagnosed with pneumonia who has bilateral crackles
 3. The client diagnosed with bacterial meningitis who has nuchal rigidity and neck pain
 4. The client diagnosed with Crohn's disease who has abdominal pain, vomiting, and diarrhea
43. Which assessment data warrants **immediate** intervention by the nurse for the client diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD) who is on peritoneal dialysis?
1. The client's serum creatinine level is 2.4 mg/dL.
 2. The client's abdomen is soft to touch and nontender.
 3. The dialysate being removed from the abdomen is cloudy.
 4. The dialysate instilled was 1,500 mL and removed was 2,100 mL.
44. The nurse is taking a history on a client in a women's clinic when the client tells the nurse, "I have been trying to get pregnant for 3 years." Which question is the nurse's **best** response?
1. "How many attempts have you made to get pregnant?"
 2. "What have you tried to help you get pregnant?"
 3. "Does your insurance cover infertility treatments?"
 4. "Have you considered adoption as an option?"
45. The nurse working at the county hospital is admitting a client who is Rh-negative to the labor and delivery unit. The client is gravida 2, para 0. Which assessment data is **most** important for the nurse to assess?
1. Why the client did not have a viable baby with the first pregnancy
 2. If the mother received Rho(D) immune globulin after the last pregnancy
 3. The period of time between the client's pregnancies
 4. When the mother terminated the previous pregnancy
46. The unconscious 4-year-old child diagnosed with bruises covering the torso in varying stages of healing is brought to the emergency department by paramedics. The nurse notes small burn marks on the child's genitalia. Which actions should the nurse implement? **Select all that apply.**
1. Notify Child Protective Services.
 2. Ask the parent how the child was injured.
 3. Perform a thorough examination for more injuries.
 4. Tell the parents that the police have been called.
 5. Prepare the child for skull x-rays or a CT scan.
47. The 24-month-old toddler is admitted to the pediatric unit diagnosed with vomiting and diarrhea. Which interventions should the nurse implement? **Rank in order of performance.**
1. Teach the parent about weighing diapers to determine output status.
 2. Show the parent the call light and explain safety regimens.
 3. Assess the toddler's tissue turgor.
 4. Place the appropriate size diapers in the room.
 5. Take the toddler's vital signs.

48. The nurse has received the shift report. Which client should the nurse assess **first**?
1. The client diagnosed with a deep vein thrombosis (DVT) who reports a feeling of doom
 2. The client diagnosed with gallbladder ulcer disease who refuses to eat the food served
 3. The client diagnosed with pancreatitis who wants the nasogastric tube removed
 4. The client diagnosed with osteoarthritis who is reporting stiff joints
49. The nurse and the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) are caring for clients on a pediatric unit. Which task should the RN delegate to the UAP?
1. Sit with the 6-year-old client while the parent goes outside to smoke.
 2. Stay with the 4-year-old client during scheduled play therapy sessions.
 3. Position the 2-year-old client for the postural drainage therapy.
 4. Weigh the diaper of the 6-month-old client who is on intake and output (I&O).
50. The home health nurse is planning his rounds for the day. Which client should the nurse plan to see **first**?
1. The 56-year-old client diagnosed with multiple sclerosis who is reporting a cough
 2. The 78-year-old client diagnosed with congestive heart failure (CHF) who reports losing 3 pounds
 3. The 42-year-old client diagnosed with an L-5 spinal cord injury who has developed a stage 4 pressure ulcer
 4. The 80-year-old client diagnosed with a cerebrovascular accident (CVA) who has right-sided paralysis
51. The nurse is preparing to perform a sterile dressing change on a client diagnosed with full-thickness burns on the right leg. Which intervention should the nurse implement **first**?
1. Premedicate the client with a narcotic analgesic.
 2. Prepare the equipment and bandages at the bedside.
 3. Remove the old dressing with nonsterile gloves.
 4. Place a sterile glove on the dominant hand.
52. The physical therapist has notified the unit secretary that the client will be ambulated in 45 minutes. After receiving notification from the unit secretary, which task should the RN charge nurse delegate to the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP)?
1. Administer a pain medication 30 minutes before therapy.
 2. Give the client a washcloth to wash his or her face before walking.
 3. Check to make sure the client has been offered the use of the bathroom.
 4. Find a walker that is the correct height for the client to use.
53. The volunteer on a medical unit tells the nurse that one of the clients on the unit is her neighbor and asks about the client's condition. Which information should the nurse discuss with the volunteer?
1. Determine how well she knows the client before talking with the volunteer.
 2. Tell the volunteer the client's condition in layperson's terms.
 3. Ask the client if it is all right to talk with the volunteer.
 4. Explain that client information is on a need-to-know basis only.
54. The medical unit is governed by a system of shared governance. Which statement **best** describes an advantage of this system?
1. It guarantees that unions will not be able to come into the hospital.
 2. It makes the manager responsible for sharing information with the staff.
 3. It involves staff nurses in the decision-making process of the unit.
 4. It is a system used to represent the nurses in labor disputes.

55. The visitor on a medical unit is shouting and making threats about harming the staff because of perceived poor care his loved one has received. Which statement is the nurse's **best** initial response?
1. "If you don't stop shouting, I will have to call security."
 2. "I hear that you are frustrated. Can we discuss the issues calmly?"
 3. "Sir, you are disrupting the unit. Calm down or leave the hospital."
 4. "This type of behavior is uncalled for and will not resolve anything."
56. The experienced nurse has recently taken a position on a medical unit in a community hospital, but after 1 week on the job, he finds that the staffing is not what was discussed during his employment interview. Which approach would be **most** appropriate for the nurse to take when attempting to resolve the issue?
1. Immediately give a 2-week notice and find a different job.
 2. Discuss the situation with the manager who interviewed him.
 3. Talk with the other employees about the staffing situation.
 4. Tell the charge nurse the staffing is not what was explained to him.
57. The nurse is preparing to administer the client's **first** intravenous antibiotic. **Rank in order of priority.**
1. Check the health-care provider's order in the EHR.
 2. Determine if the client has any known allergies.
 3. Hang the secondary IV piggyback higher than the primary IV.
 4. Set the intravenous pump at the correct rate.
 5. Determine if the antibiotic is compatible with the primary IV.
58. At 0830, the day shift nurse is preparing to administer medications to the client. Which action should the nurse take **first**?

Client's Name: R.B. Height: 62 inches	Account Number: 1253456 Weight: 105 pounds	Allergies: NKDA Date:
Medication	1901-0700	0701-1900
Digoxin 0.125 mg PO every day		0900
Furosemide 40 mg PO BID		0900 1600
Ranitidine 150 mg in 250 mL NS IV continuous infusion every 24 hours	0300 NN@ 11 mL/hr	
Vancomycin 850 mg IVPB every 24 hours		1200 1800
Signature/Initials	Night Nurse RN/NN	Day Nurse RN/DN

1. Check the client's armband against the medication administration record (MAR).
2. Assess the client's IV site for redness and patency.
3. Ask for the client's date of birth.
4. Determine the client's last potassium level.

59. A major disaster has been called, and the charge nurse on a medical unit must recommend to the medical discharge officer on rounds which clients to discharge. Which client should not be discharged?
1. The client diagnosed with chronic angina pectoris who has been on new medication for 2 days
 2. The client diagnosed with deep vein thrombosis (DVT) who has had heparin discontinued and has been on warfarin for 4 days
 3. The client diagnosed with an infected leg wound who is receiving vancomycin IVPB every 24 hours for methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infection
 4. The client diagnosed with COPD who has the following arterial blood gas (ABG) levels: pH, 7.34; Pco₂, 55; Hco₃, 28; Pao₂, 89
60. The nurse has been named in a lawsuit concerning the care provided. Which action should the nurse take **first**?
1. Consult with the hospital's attorney.
 2. Review the client's EHR.
 3. Purchase personal liability insurance.
 4. Discuss the case with the supervisor.
61. The nurse has accepted the position of clinical manager for a medical-surgical unit. Which role is an important aspect of this management position?
1. Evaluate the job performance of the staff.
 2. Be the sole decision maker for the unit.
 3. Take responsibility for the staff nurse's actions.
 4. Attend the medical staff meetings.
62. The charge nurse notices that one of the staff takes frequent breaks, has unpredictable mood swings, and often volunteers to care for clients who require narcotics. Which **priority** action should the charge nurse implement regarding this employee?
1. Discuss the nurse's actions with the unit manager.
 2. Confront the nurse about the behavior.
 3. Do not allow the nurse to take breaks alone.
 4. Prepare an occurrence report on the employee.
63. A health-care provider (HCP) frequently tells jokes with sexual overtones at the nursing station. Which action should the RN charge nurse implement?
1. Tell the HCP that the jokes are inappropriate and offensive.
 2. Report the behavior to the medical staff committee.
 3. Discuss the problem with the chief nursing officer.
 4. Call a Code Purple and have the nurses surround the HCP.
64. The night shift nurse is caring for clients on the surgical unit. Which client situation would **warrant immediate** notification of the surgeon?
1. The client who is 2 days postoperative for bowel resection and who refuses to turn, cough, and deep breathe
 2. The client who is 5 hours postoperative for abdominal hysterectomy who reported feeling a "pop" and then her pain went away
 3. The client who is 2 hours postoperative for TKR and who has 400 mL in the cell-saver collection device
 4. The client who is 1 day postoperative for bilateral thyroidectomy and who has a negative Chvostek sign
65. Which client should the nurse in the post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) assess **first**?
1. The client who received general anesthesia who is reporting a sore throat
 2. The client who had right knee surgery and has a pulse oximeter reading of 90%
 3. The client who received epidural surgery and has a palpable 2+ dorsalis pedal pulse
 4. The client who had abdominal surgery and has green bile draining from the N/G tube

66. The client with a below-the-knee amputation (BKA) has a large amount of bright red blood on the residual limb dressing and the nurse suspects an arterial bleed. Which intervention should the nurse implement **first**?
1. Increase the client's intravenous rate.
 2. Assess the client's vital signs.
 3. Apply a tourniquet above the amputation.
 4. Notify the client's health-care provider.
67. The client who had surgery on the right elbow has no right radial pulse and the fingers are cold. The client reports tingling, and she cannot move the fingers of the right hand. Which intervention should the nurse implement **first**?
1. Document the findings in the client's EHR.
 2. Elevate the client's right hand.
 3. Assess the radial pulse with the Doppler.
 4. Notify the client's health-care provider.
68. The HCP writes an order for the client diagnosed with a fractured right hip and operative repair to ambulate with a walker four times per day. Which action should the RN implement?
1. Tell the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) to ambulate the client with the walker.
 2. Request a referral to the physical therapy department.
 3. Obtain a walker that is appropriate for the client's height.
 4. Notify the social worker of the HCP's order for a walker.
69. Which task would be **most** appropriate for the RN surgical nurse to delegate to the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) working on a surgical unit?
1. Escort the client to the smoking area outside.
 2. Obtain vital signs on a newly admitted client.
 3. Administer a feeding to the client with a gastrostomy tube.
 4. Check the toes of a client who just had a cast application.
70. The licensed practical nurse (LPN) is working in a surgical rehabilitation unit. Which nursing task would be **most** appropriate for the LPN to implement?
1. Bathe the client who is incontinent of urine.
 2. Document the amount of food the client eats.
 3. Conduct the afternoon bingo game in the lobby.
 4. Perform routine dressing changes on assigned clients.
71. The unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) is changing a full sharps container in the client's room. Which action should the RN implement?
1. Tell the UAP she cannot change the sharps container.
 2. Explain that the housekeeping department changes the sharps container.
 3. Praise the UAP for taking the initiative to change the sharps container.
 4. Report the behavior to the clinical manager on the unit.
72. The unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) tells the nurse the client who is 5 hours postoperative for an L-3/L-4 laminectomy is reporting numbness in both feet. Which intervention should the RN implement?
1. Ask the UAP to take the client's vital signs.
 2. Request the UAP to log roll the client to the right side.
 3. Complete the neurovascular assessment on the client's legs.
 4. Contact the physical therapist to check the client.

- 73.** The ED nurse is requesting a bed in the intensive care unit (ICU). The ICU charge nurse must request a transfer of one client from the ICU to the surgical unit to make room for the client coming into the ICU from the ED. Which client should the ICU charge nurse request to transfer to the surgical unit?
1. The client diagnosed with flail chest who has just come from the operating room with a right-sided chest tube
 2. The client diagnosed with acute diverticulitis who is 1 day postoperative for creation of a sigmoid colostomy
 3. The client who is 1 day postoperative for total hip replacement (THR) whose incisional dressing is dry and intact
 4. The client who is 2 days postoperative for repair of a fractured femur and who has had a fat embolism
- 74.** A terrible storm causes the electricity to go out in the hospital and the emergency generator lights come on. Which action should the RN charge nurse implement?
1. Request all family members to leave the hospital as soon as possible.
 2. Instruct the staff to plug critical electrical equipment into the red outlets.
 3. Have the unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) place a portable flashlight on each bedside table.
 4. Contact the maintenance department to determine how long the electricity will be out.
- 75.** The HCP is angry and yelling in the nurse's station because the client's laboratory data are not available. Which action should the charge nurse implement **first**?
1. Contact the laboratory for the client's results.
 2. Ask the HCP to step into the nurse's office.
 3. Tell the HCP to discuss the issue with the laboratory.
 4. Report the HCP's behavior to the chief nursing officer.