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Prioritization and Clinical Judgment for NCLEX

51. The 27-year-old female client is being scheduled for a chest x-ray. Which question should the nurse ask the client?
1. "Have you ever had a chest x-ray before?"
  2. "Is there any chance you may be pregnant?"
  3. "When was the date of your last period?"
  4. "Do you have any allergies to shellfish?"
52. The clinical manager is reviewing hospital occurrence reports and notes that the nurse on the postpartum unit has documented three medication errors in the last 2 months. Which action should the clinical manager implement **first**?
1. Initiate the formal counseling procedure for multiple medication errors.
  2. Continue to monitor the nurse for any further medication errors.
  3. Discuss the errors with the nurse to determine whether there is a medication system problem.
  4. Arrange for the nurse to attend a medication administration review course.
53. The nursery nurse is assessing newborns. Which newborn warrants **immediate** intervention by the nurse?
1. The newborn who remains in the fetal position when lying supine
  2. The newborn whose toes flare out when the lateral heel is stroked
  3. The newborn whose head turns toward the cheek being stroked
  4. The newborn who extends the arms when hearing a loud noise
54. The client on the postpartum unit tells the nurse, "My husband thinks he is the father of my baby but he is not. What should I tell him?" Which response supports the ethical principle of nonmaleficence?
1. "You should tell him the truth before he becomes attached to the infant."
  2. "How do you think your husband will feel if he knows he is not the father?"
  3. "I know my husband would want to know if my child was his or not."
  4. "Do you know what the real father is planning on doing about the baby?"
55. The chief nursing officer of the hospital instructed the RN clinical manager of the postpartum unit to research a change in the system of delivery of care. Which statement **best** describes modular nursing?
1. Nurses are designated the primary responsible persons for client care.
  2. The RN and UAP are assigned a group of postpartum clients.
  3. Nursing staff members are divided into groups responsible for client care.
  4. Nurses are assigned specific tasks rather than specific clients.
56. Which action by the postpartum clinical manager would be **most effective** in producing a smooth transition to the new medication delivery system?
1. Counsel any nurses who cannot adapt to the change.
  2. Ask the staff to vote on accepting the new system.
  3. Have an open-door policy to discuss the change.
  4. Send written documentation of the change by hospital e-mail.
57. During an interview, the pregnant client at the women's health clinic hesitantly tells the nurse, "I think I should let someone know that I can't stop eating dirt. I crave it all the time." Which action should the nurse implement **first**?
1. Explain that the behavior is normal.
  2. Ask whether the client is taking the prenatal vitamins.
  3. Check the client's hemoglobin and hematocrit (H&H).
  4. Determine whether there is a history of pica in the family.
58. The client who is 16 weeks pregnant calls and tells the office nurse, "My husband's insurance has changed and they say I can't use you anymore." Which statement is the nurse's **best** response?
1. "If we continue to see you it will cost you a lot more money."
  2. "Because you are already pregnant your insurance company must pay."
  3. "You are concerned you don't want to change doctors at this time."
  4. "Can your husband get a supplemental policy to cover this pregnancy?"

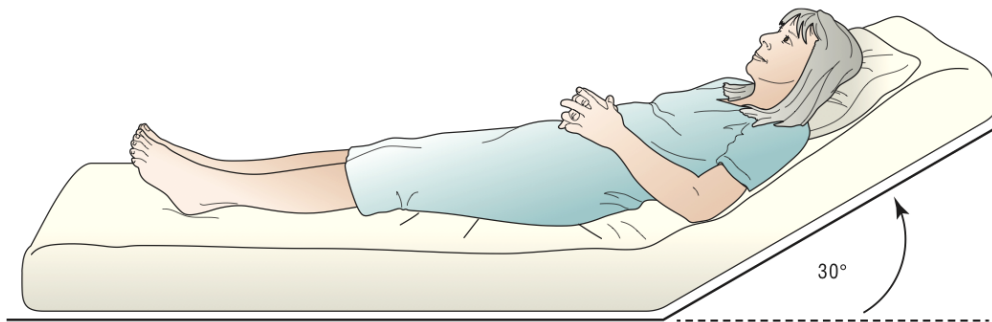
59. The 16-year-old mother of a 1-day-old infant wants her son circumcised. Which intervention should the nurse implement?
1. Request the client's mother sign the permit.
  2. Determine whether the insurance will pay for the procedure.
  3. Refer the client to the social worker to apply for Medicaid.
  4. Have the 16-year-old client sign for informed consent.
60. The clinical manager is presenting a lecture on collective bargaining. One of the nurse participants asks, "What happens if nurses decide to go on strike?" Which statement is the RN clinical nurse manager's **best** response?
1. "The UAPs and managers will have to take care of the clients."
  2. "If nurses go on strike it is considered abandonment of the clients."
  3. "The clients will get better care once the nurses' demands are met."
  4. "The nurses must give a 10-day notice before a strike takes place."
61. Which client should the newborn nurse refer to the hospital ethics committee?
1. The newborn who is anencephalic whose parents want everything done
  2. The newborn whose 16-year-old mother wants to place the infant up for adoption
  3. The newborn whose mother is a known cocaine user and is HIV positive
  4. The newborn who needs a unit of blood and the parents are refusing consent
62. The client has delivered a 37-week gestation infant whose cord was wrapped around the neck. The infant died in utero. Which interventions should the nurse implement? **Select all that apply.**
1. Allow the mother to hold and cuddle the infant.
  2. Have the mother transferred to the medical unit.
  3. Encourage the father to talk about his child to the nurse.
  4. Recommend to the parents that the child be cremated.
  5. Discourage the client from giving the infant a name.
63. Which action would be **most** important for the clinical manager to take regarding a primary nurse who has received numerous compliments from the clients and their families about the excellent care she provides?
1. Ask the nurse what she does that makes her care so special.
  2. Document the comments on the nurse's performance evaluation.
  3. Acknowledge the comments with a celebration on the station.
  4. Take no action because excellent care is expected by all nurses.
64. The client asks the nurse in the women's health clinic, "I am so miserable during my premenstrual syndrome I can't even go to work. What can I do?" Which teaching interventions should the nurse implement? **Select all that apply.**
1. Increase the amount of colas and coffee daily.
  2. Avoid simple sugars such as cakes and candy.
  3. Drink at least two glasses of red wine nightly.
  4. Decrease the intake of foods high in salt.
  5. Adhere to a regular schedule for sleep.
65. The nurse is completing the admission assessment on a 12-weeks-pregnant client who is visiting the women's health clinic. The client tells the nurse, "I am a vegan and will not drink any milk or eat any meat." Which intervention should the nurse implement?
1. Recommend the client eat grains, legumes, and nuts daily.
  2. Suggest that the client eat at least two eggs every day.
  3. Discuss not adhering to the vegan diet during pregnancy.
  4. Explain that a vegan diet does not require iron supplements.

66. The charge nurse of the postpartum unit is making assignments. Which clients should be assigned to the medical-surgical nurse who has been assigned to the unit for the day? **Select all that apply.**

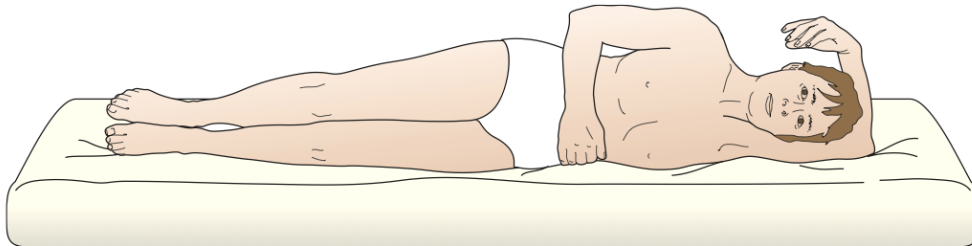
1. The client who delivered 4 hours ago and is reporting pain
2. The client who is being discharged and needs discharge teaching about breastfeeding
3. The client who is being treated for HELLP syndrome
4. The client who is 30 weeks' gestation on a fetal monitor
5. The client who is gravida 8 and on a Pitocin drip

67. The labor and delivery nurse is preparing to assist the anesthetist to insert an epidural catheter in a client nearing delivery. Which picture indicates the correct position to assist the client to assume?

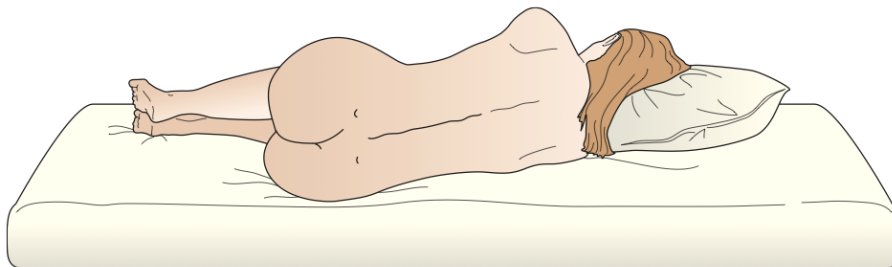
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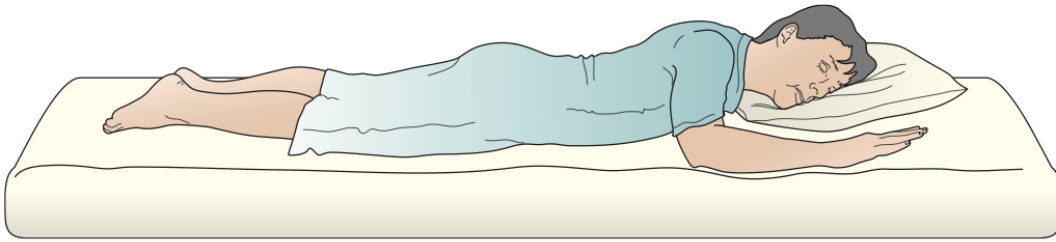
2. Position 2



3. Position 3



4. Position 4



68. The 34-week pregnant client in the labor and delivery unit is on a magnesium sulfate intravenous drip for eclampsia. The labor and delivery nurse assesses the client's reflexes as absent with repeated stimulation. Which nursing intervention should the nurse implement **first**?

Deep Tendon Reflex Scale
0 = absent despite reinforcement
1 = present only with reinforcement
2 = normal
3 = increased but normal
4 = markedly hyperactive, with clonus

1. Notify the obstetrician.
  2. Document the finding as absent.
  3. Have another nurse assess the reflexes.
  4. Turn off the magnesium drip.
69. The public health nurse is working at a sexually transmitted infection (STI) clinic. The female client has been diagnosed with gonorrhea. Which nursing interventions should the nurse implement? **Rank in order of performance.**
1. Notify the client's sexual partners of potential exposure to an STI.
  2. Complete the report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  3. Teach the client safe sex procedures.
  4. Administer the prescribed antibiotic to the client.
  5. Ask the client to provide a list of sexual partners.
70. The emergency department nurse observed a motor vehicle accident (MVA) on the way home from work. The driver of one of the vehicles is obviously several months pregnant. Which nursing intervention should the nurse implement **first**?
1. Determine the length of gestation.
  2. Assess the driver for signs of trauma.
  3. Check to see if the client was wearing a seat belt.
  4. Monitor for fetal heart tones.