

Lecture- Nursing Care of Cancer Patients

Review Questions:

- 1 . The nurse in an oncology clinic is preparing to administer a chemotherapeutic agent to a client with a vascular access device (VAD). Which of the following is the *initial* assessment of the VAD before administering the chemotherapeutic agent?
 - Assess the site for infection or infiltration
 - Assess the catheter for patency
 - Assess the catheter for occlusion
 - Assess the need for dressing change

- 2 . A client, newly diagnosed with cancer, is scheduled to begin chemotherapy. The oncology clinic nurse is discussing side effects of the chemotherapeutic agent, including alopecia. Which of the following statements made by the client demonstrates an understanding of the nurse's teaching strategies?
 - "My hair will grow back the same when the treatment is over."
 - "I will go to a good wig shop and order my wig before I lose my hair."
 - "I will wash my hair everyday until it all falls out."
 - "I will avoid going out in public until my hair grows back."

- 3 . An elderly male client is receiving chemotherapy and radiation therapy for cancer. The client's wife is concerned because the client is losing weight and eats very little. Which of the following statements made by the wife indicates to the nurse that further teaching is required?
 - "I don't let my husband eat his favorite junk food because it is not nutritional."
 - "I serve my husband small, frequent meals."
 - "I encourage my husband to eat cold foods such as ice cream."
 - "I bought some Ensure for my husband to drink between meals."

- 4 . The nurse in the oncology clinic is providing teaching measures for prevention of oropharyngeal infections to a client receiving chemotherapy for cancer. The nurse knows that which of the following statements made by the client indicates a need for further teaching?
 - "I cleanse my teeth gently several times a day."
 - "I replace my toothbrush every month."

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- "I lubricate my lips with Blistex."
 - "I use an alcohol based mouthwash every morning."
- 5 . A client with squamous-cell carcinoma of the lung is hospitalized. The nurse begins the morning assessment on the client and notes facial, periorbital, and arm edema. The client complains of shortness of breath and tachypnea and cyanosis are noted. Based on this assessment data, the nurse would suspect which of the following?
- Pericardial effusion
 - Septic shock
 - Superior vena cava syndrome
 - Spinal cord compression
- 6 . A client with prostate cancer complains about back and leg pain. Upon further assessment, the client informs the nurse that his legs are numb. Based on this assessment information, the most appropriate action for the nurse is which of the following?
- Inform the physician immediately
 - Administer the client's prn pain medication as ordered
 - Assist the client to reposition in bed
 - Massage the client's legs for relief
7. A community health nurse is planning a breast health workshop for a group of women, ages 25 to 35. In planning this breast health workshop, the nurse knows that this group of women should be informed to have a breast examination performed by a health care professional according to which of the following schedules?
- Every 5 years
 - Every 3 years
 - Every year
 - Every 2 years
- 8 . A client receiving chemotherapy and radiation is hospitalized for severe bone marrow suppression. In establishing the plan of care for this client,

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which of the following is the priority diagnosis?

- Risk for injury related to falls
- Altered nutrition
- Risk for infection
- Anxiety

9 . The nurse is preparing to administer to a client a chemotherapeutic agent known to cause nausea. Which of the following is the most appropriate action for the nurse?

- Administer the client's prn antiemetic if the client complains of nausea
- Administer the client's prn antiemetic during the chemotherapy treatment
- Administer the client's prn antiemetic after the chemotherapy treatment is complete
- Administer the client's prn antiemetic before the chemotherapy treatment

10 . A nurse implementing teaching measures to a client scheduled to receive external radiation knows that the client requires further teaching when which of the following statements is made?

- "I will wash my skin with plain water only."
- "I will pose a risk of radiation exposure to my family members."
- "I will wear protective covering on my skin when outside."
- "I will not use my heating pad during my treatment."