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**Practice Nursing test with answers and rationale**

1. When assessing a client with chest pain, the nurse obtains a thorough history. Which statement of the patient is most suggestive of anginal pectoris?
  - a. The pain lasted for about 45 minutes
  - b. The pain resolved after I ate a sandwich
  - c. The pain worsened when I took a deep breath
  - d. The pain occurred while I was mowing the lawn
2. After experiencing a transient ischemic attack (TIA), a client is prescribed aspirin 80 mg p.o. daily. The nurse should teach the client that this medication has been prescribed to
  - a. Control headache pain
  - b. Enhance immune response
  - c. Prevent intracranial bleeding
  - d. Decrease platelet coagulation
3. The physician prescribes several drugs for a client with hemorrhagic stroke - which drug order should the nurse question?
  - a. Heparin sodium (heparin)
  - b. Dexamethasone (decadron)
  - c. Methylglucopol (aldomet)
  - d. Phenytoin (dilantin)
4. A client with peptic ulcer is about to begin a therapeutic regimen that includes a bland diet, antacids, and ranitidine HCl (zantac). Which instructions should the nurse provide before this client is discharged.
  - a. Eat a three balanced meal everyday
  - b. Stop taking the drug when the symptoms subside
  - c. Avoid aspirin and products that contain aspirin
  - d. Increase the intake of fluids containing caffeine
5. The nurse is assessing a client with Cushing's disease. Which observation should be reported to the physician immediately.
  - a. Pitting edema of the legs
  - b. Irregular apical pulse
  - c. Dry mucous membrane
  - d. Frequent urination
6. A client with myasthenia gravis is receiving continuous mechanical ventilation. When the high pressure alarm on the ventilator sounds, what should the nurse do?
  - a. Check the presence of the apical pulse
  - b. Suction the patient's artificial airway
  - c. Increase the oxygen percentage
  - d. Ventilate using a manual resuscitation bag
7. Which of the following takes the highest priority for parkinson's crisis?
  - a. Altered nutrition less than body requirements
  - b. Ineffective airway clearance
  - c. Altered urinary elimination
  - d. Risk for injury

## When should you give a patient epinephrine?

**Answer: C** - Epinephrine should be given to a patient if they are suffering an acute allergic reaction. Epinephrine works by stimulating alpha, beta-1, and beta-2 adrenergic receptors in dose-related fashion. It is the initial drug of choice for treating bronchoconstriction and hypotension resulting from anaphylaxis.

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