

Chapter # 36 Special Populations/Challenges

1. Which of the following statements is NOT true regarding patients with autism?
 - A) They fail to use or understand nonverbal communication.
 - B) They will talk with normal tone and speech patterns.
 - C) They may have extreme difficulty with complex tasks that require many steps.
 - D) They have difficulty making eye-to-eye contact.

2. Down syndrome patients are at an increased risk for medical complications. Which of the following is NOT one of those potential complications?
 - A) Respiratory complications
 - B) Cardiovascular complications
 - C) Gastrointestinal complications
 - D) Endocrine complications

3. When caring for a patient with a previous head injury, you should:
 - A) speak in a loud, commanding tone.
 - B) expect the patient to be able to walk.
 - C) watch the patient for signs of anxiety.
 - D) never consider restraining the patient.

4. Which of the following statements is NOT true regarding the care of a patient with cerebral palsy?
 - A) Do not assume these patients are mentally disabled.
 - B) Limbs are often underdeveloped and are prone to injury.
 - C) Walkers or wheelchairs should not be taken in the ambulance.
 - D) Be prepared to care for a seizure if one occurs.

5. If a patient's mechanical ventilator malfunctions, you should remove the patient from the ventilator and:
 - A) place the patient on a nasal cannula.
 - B) place the patient on a nonrebreathing mask.
 - C) begin ventilations with a bag-valve mask.
 - D) contact medical control.

6. A ventricular atrium shunt drains excess fluid from the ventricles of the brain into the:
- A) right atrium of the heart.
 - B) left atrium of the heart.
 - C) right ventricle of the heart.
 - D) left ventricle of the heart.
7. You may allow a patient with a visual impairment to rest his or her hand on your _____, because this may help with balance and security while moving.
8. A(n) _____ is a special piece of medical equipment that takes over the function of either one or both heart ventricles.
9. Comfort care, or _____, improves the patient's quality of life before the patient dies.

Match the following:

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| 10. Colostomy | A) A tube that drains fluid from the brain or other parts of the body |
| 11. Ileostomy | B) Insufficient development of the brain |
| 12. Shunt | C) Characterized by a round head with a flat occiput and slanted, wide-set eyes |
| 13. Tracheostomy tube | D) A plastic tube placed in a stoma |
| 14. Developmental disability | E) A surgical opening between the small intestine and the outside of the body |
| 15. Down syndrome | F) A surgical opening between the colon and the outside of the body |