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QUESTION 1

In therapeutic doses, which drug depresses the pumping function of the heart muscle?

- A. atropine
- B. epinephrine
- C. propranolol
- D. isoproterenol

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 2

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While working in the CCU taking care of a patient with a myocardial infarction, you notice the sudden onset of ventricular fibrillation. Further evaluation reveals a pulseless patient. What should you do next?

- A. CPR and shock therapy as soon as possible

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

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How often should you repeat ventilations on a child?

- A. Every 3 seconds

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 4

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Potentially treatable causes of asystole include:

- A. hypoxia, acidosis, hyperkalemia, and tension pneumothorax

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 5

A patient with an ST-segment elevation MI has ongoing chest discomfort. Fibrinolytic therapy has been ordered. Heparin 4000 U IV bolus was administered and a heparin infusion 1000 U per hour is being administered, and Aspirin was not taken by the patient because he had a history of gastritis treated 5 years ago. Your next action is to:

- A. Give 325 mg enteric-coated aspirin rectally
- B. Give aspirin 160 to 325 mg chewed, immediately
- C. Give 75 mg enteric-coated aspirin orally
- D. Substitute clopidogrel 300 mg loading dose

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 6

T/F: Bradycardia not responding to atropine should be treated with isoproterenol 1 mg in 250 mL D5W infused wide open.

- A. True
- B. False

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 7

SIMULATION

Describe the function of plasma as it relates to the circulatory system.

- A. Plasma is the fluid that carries the blood cells and nutrients.

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 8



You are monitoring a patient with chest discomfort who becomes suddenly unresponsive. You observe the following rhythm on the cardiac monitor. A monophasic defibrillator is present. What is your first action?

- A. Give a single shock with 360 J
- B. Incubate the patient and give epinephrine 2 to 4 mg via ET tube
- C. Begin CPR with chest compressions for 2 minutes or about 5 cycles of compressions and ventilations
- D. Establish an IV and give epinephrine 1 mg IV
- E. Give a single shock with 200 J

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 9

T/F: Before leaving the scene of a patient who refuses transport, you should try to persuade the patient to be transported.

- A. True
- B. False

Correct Answer: A

Always err on the side of treatment.

QUESTION 10

SIMULATION

Identify the respiratory variations that may be seen in both the early and late hypothermic patient.

- A. A patient suffering from early signs of hypothermia will experience rapid breathing. Patients suffering from late hypothermia may experience shallow, slow, or even absent breathing.

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 11

Sodium bicarbonate should be considered in arrests caused by: Tricyclic overdose, hyperkalemia, and preexisting metabolic acidosis

In the treatment of an 80-kg adult in ventricular tachycardia with a pulse, which of the following schedules of lidocaine is preferred?

- A. 80 mg IV bolus followed by an infusion at 2? mg/min
- B. 160 mg IV bolus every 10 minutes up to a total of 500 mg
- C. 160 mg IV bolus followed by an infusion at 6 mg/min
- D. 400 mg IV bolus followed by an infusion at 1? mg/min

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 12

Ventricular fibrillation (Choose three.):

- A. may be mimicked by artifact on the monitor
- B. may produce a peripheral pulse
- C. produces no cardiac output
- D. treated with early defibrillation

Correct Answer: ACD

QUESTION 13

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When giving a patient epinephrine via the endotracheal tube, the proper dose should be 2?.5 times the recommended IV dose. How much normal saline should be used?

- A. 10 ml of normal saline

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 14

T/F: Brain damage, after resuscitation, is evidence of negligence:

- A. True
- B. False

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 15

In rescuing a near drowning victim, the rescuer should (Choose three.):

- A. compress the chest to drain water from breathing passages.
- B. assure their own safety.
- C. stabilize the cervical spine if a diving accident.
- D. start rescue breathing.

Correct Answer: BCD

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