

## ACUTE STROKE UNIT ORIENTATION

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## MODULE 4: DIAGNOSTICS AND ASSESSMENTS

## Quiz Answers

- Answer should include some of the following:
   A neuro exam provides a standardized method to rapidly identify 'emerging' stroke complications. Early identification of complications may:
  - Lead to early intervention
  - Limit the extension of neurological damage
  - Impact patient outcomes
  - Provide a better patient prognosis
  - Enable sound decision making and care planning
- 2. Answer should include 4 of the following:
  - Combativeness
  - Confusion
  - Severe headache
  - Lethargy
  - Decline in motor strength
  - Decrease in coordination
  - Change in balance
  - Change in speech/language
- 3. a. Level of consciousness
- 4. a. Orientation, speech, motor function, and level of consciousness

- 5. Answer should include 2 of the following:
  - Function: AlphaFIM® (an abbreviated version of the FIM® Instrument to assess function and disability in the acute care setting)

• Pain: Visual Analog Scale

• Skin Breakdown: Braden Risk Assessment

• Balance: Berg Balance Scale

Cognition: Mini Mental; MoCA

• Depression: Geriatric Depression Screen, PHQ9, HADS

Swallowing: TOR BSST

Oral Care: OHAT

- 6. Answer should include one of the two descriptions:
  - Echocardiogram (ECHO) uses ultrasound to show the shape, texture, and movement of heart valves, as well as the size of heart chambers and how well they are working. An ECHO may be done to diagnose heart valve problems or identify a cardiac cause of stroke.
  - Holter Hook up (24 and 48 hour) is a 24-hour portable monitor of the electrocardiogram, used to detect heart rhythm abnormalities during daily activities, ruling out atrial fibrillation as a cause of stroke.

## TRUE/FALSE Questions

- 1. True
- 2. False