# HEALTHCARE STUDY GUIDE REGISTERED NURSE (RN)

# YEAR 2 CLINICAL SKILLS





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Healthcare Study Guide is a professional-grade study and review resource for healthcare workers across the United States and Canada. Whether you're preparing for a certification exam, re-entering the workforce, or transitioning into a new role or specialty, this guide is designed to help you test your knowledge, reinforce critical concepts, and build career confidence.

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# Year 2: Core Clinical Skills and Medical-Surgical Foundations

# **Subject 3. Wound Care and Skin Integrity**

- 1. What is a primary risk factor for pressure ulcers?
- a) Frequent repositioning
- b) High hydration
- c) Immobility
- d) Low protein intake

**Correct Answer: c) Immobility** 

**Explanation:** Immobility is a critical risk factor for pressure ulcers because it reduces blood flow to the skin, leading to tissue ischemia. Patients who cannot move independently or are confined to a bed or chair for prolonged periods are at a higher risk of developing pressure injuries, making regular repositioning essential for prevention.

- 2. How often should a patient be repositioned?
- a) Every hour
- b) Every three hours
- c) Every two hours
- d) Once daily

Correct Answer: c) Every two hours

**Explanation:** Repositioning a patient every two hours is a standard practice in preventing pressure ulcers. This frequent change in position helps alleviate pressure on vulnerable areas of the skin, enhances blood circulation, and reduces the risk of skin breakdown. It is crucial for nurses to adhere to this schedule for effective skin integrity maintenance.

- 3. What documentation is essential for wound care?
- a) Room temperature
- b) Staff lunch breaks
- c) Wound assessment
- d) Patient's mood

**Correct Answer: c) Wound assessment** 

**Explanation:** Documenting wound assessments is essential in wound care as it provides a comprehensive record of the wound's status, including size, depth, appearance, and any signs of infection. Accurate documentation aids in tracking healing progress, facilitates communication among healthcare providers, and is a legal requirement for quality patient care.



# 4. Which technique is used for wound dressing changes?

- a) Aseptic technique
- b) Casual technique
- c) Invasive technique
- d) Dirty technique

Correct Answer: a) Aseptic technique

**Explanation:** Aseptic technique is crucial during wound dressing changes to prevent contamination and infection. This method involves strict hand hygiene, using sterile equipment, and maintaining a clean environment. By following aseptic guidelines, the registered nurse minimizes the risk of introducing pathogens that could complicate healing and lead to infections.

# 5. What is a sign of infection in a wound?

- a) Increased mobility
- b) Improved color
- c) Decreased drainage
- d) Redness and warmth

Correct Answer: d) Redness and warmth

**Explanation:** Redness and warmth around a wound are classic signs of infection. This occurs due to increased blood flow as the body responds to pathogens. Registered nurses must monitor wounds for these symptoms, as early detection of infection can lead to timely interventions, such as antibiotics or further medical evaluation, improving patient outcomes.

# 6. What should be assessed in a pressure ulcer?

- a) Wound size and depth
- b) Family history
- c) Medication adherence
- d) Patient's appetite

Correct Answer: a) Wound size and depth

**Explanation:** Assessing wound size and depth is critical in evaluating a pressure ulcer's severity and healing progress. This information allows registered nurses to develop appropriate treatment plans, monitor changes over time, and provide evidence-based interventions. Accurate measurements are necessary for effective wound management and can guide further medical decisions.



# 7. Which position helps relieve pressure on the sacrum?

- a) Sitting position
- b) Supine position
- c) Prone position
- d) Lateral position

**Correct Answer: d) Lateral position** 

**Explanation:** The lateral position is effective in relieving pressure on the sacrum, which is a common site for pressure ulcers. By positioning the patient on their side and alternating sides, the registered nurse can reduce pressure on bony prominences, promote better circulation, and enhance overall comfort while preventing skin breakdown.

# 8. What is the first step in wound care?

- a) Wash hands
- b) Assess pain
- c) Change dressing
- d) Apply ointment

Correct Answer: a) Wash hands

**Explanation:** Hand hygiene is the first and most critical step in wound care. By washing hands before any patient interaction, the registered nurse minimizes the risk of introducing harmful pathogens into the wound site, thus preventing infection. This practice is foundational to all aseptic procedures and is vital in maintaining overall patient safety.

# 9. Which nutrient is crucial for wound healing?

- a) Fats
- b) Sugars
- c) Carbohydrates
- d) Protein

**Correct Answer: d) Protein** 

**Explanation:** Protein is essential for wound healing as it plays a significant role in tissue repair and regeneration. Adequate protein intake helps support the immune system and promotes collagen synthesis, which is vital for skin integrity. Registered nurses should assess patients' nutritional status to ensure they receive sufficient protein for optimal healing outcomes.



# 10. What is a key factor in pressure ulcer prevention?

- a) Moisture control
- b) Exercise
- c) High-calorie diet
- d) Social interaction

Correct Answer: a) Moisture control

**Explanation:** Moisture control is a key factor in preventing pressure ulcers, as excess moisture from sweat or incontinence can lead to skin maceration and breakdown. Registered nurses should implement measures such as using moisture-wicking materials, regular skin assessments, and barrier creams to maintain skin integrity and reduce the risk of ulcer formation.

# 11. How should a sterile dressing be applied?

- a) Using a dirty towel
- b) Using sterile gloves
- c) With a wet cloth
- d) With bare hands

Correct Answer: b) Using sterile gloves

**Explanation:** A sterile dressing should be applied using sterile gloves to ensure that the dressing remains free from pathogens and contaminants. This practice is essential in maintaining aseptic conditions during wound care, as it helps prevent infection and promotes proper healing. Registered nurses must follow this protocol for effective wound management.

# 12. What is a common feature of a stage II pressure ulcer?

- a) Partial thickness loss
- b) Black eschar
- c) Full thickness
- d) No drainage

**Correct Answer: a) Partial thickness loss** 

**Explanation:** A stage II pressure ulcer is characterized by partial thickness skin loss, which may present as a blister or shallow open sore. Understanding the characteristics of different ulcer stages is crucial for registered nurses to implement appropriate care strategies and interventions, thus enhancing healing and preventing progression to more severe stages.



# 13. Which dressing is best for a dry wound?

- a) Film dressing
- b) Hydrocolloid
- c) Cotton
- d) Gauze

Correct Answer: b) Hydrocolloid

**Explanation:** Hydrocolloid dressings are best for dry wounds as they provide moisture retention and create a moist healing environment. This type of dressing helps promote granulation tissue formation and minimizes pain during dressing changes. Registered nurses should choose appropriate dressings based on wound characteristics for optimal healing outcomes.

# 14. What is the purpose of a barrier cream?

- a) To clean wounds
- b) To moisturize skin
- c) To numb pain
- d) To prevent skin breakdown

Correct Answer: d) To prevent skin breakdown

**Explanation:** The primary purpose of a barrier cream is to prevent skin breakdown by providing a protective layer against moisture, friction, and irritants. This is especially important for patients at risk of pressure ulcers, as the cream helps maintain skin integrity. Registered nurses should apply barrier creams as part of routine skin care protocols.

# 15. Which term describes the process of wound healing?

- a) Proliferation
- b) Inflammation
- c) Hemostasis
- d) Regeneration

**Correct Answer: d) Regeneration** 

**Explanation:** Regeneration describes the process of wound healing where new tissue replaces damaged tissue. This involves several phases, including hemostasis, inflammation, proliferation, and remodeling. Registered nurses must understand these phases to provide appropriate interventions and support for optimal healing and recovery in their patients.



# 16. What should be monitored for wound infection?

- a) Patient's temperature
- b) Room cleanliness
- c) Patient's hobbies
- d) Staff morale

Correct Answer: a) Patient's temperature

**Explanation:** Monitoring a patient's temperature is crucial in assessing for wound infection. A rise in temperature can indicate systemic infection, prompting further evaluation and intervention. Registered nurses should routinely check vital signs and be vigilant for other signs and symptoms of infection to ensure timely treatment and prevent complications.

# 17. Which area is most susceptible to pressure ulcers?

- a) Heels
- b) Forehead
- c) Elbows
- d) Hands

**Correct Answer: a) Heels** 

**Explanation:** The heels are among the most susceptible areas for pressure ulcers due to their bony prominence and limited soft tissue cushioning. Prolonged pressure on the heels can lead to ischemia and tissue damage. Registered nurses must take proactive measures, such as using heel protectors, to reduce pressure and prevent ulcer formation in vulnerable areas.

# 18. What indicates a stage IV pressure ulcer?

- a) Redness only
- b) No drainage
- c) Blister formation
- d) Muscle exposure

**Correct Answer: d) Muscle exposure** 

**Explanation:** A stage IV pressure ulcer indicates full-thickness tissue loss with exposure of underlying muscle, bone, or tendon. Understanding the severity of ulcer stages is crucial for registered nurses to provide appropriate treatment and interventions. Prompt recognition of stage IV ulcers is essential to prevent further complications and support effective healing.



# 19. What is an essential practice in infection control?

- a) Wearing jewelry
- b) Sharing equipment
- c) Skipping gloves
- d) Frequent handwashing

# Correct Answer: d) Frequent handwashing

**Explanation:** Frequent handwashing is an essential practice in infection control as it helps eliminate pathogens from healthcare workers' hands, reducing the risk of cross-contamination and infection transmission. Registered nurses must adhere to strict hand hygiene protocols, especially before and after patient contact, to ensure a safe healthcare environment and protect patient health.

# 20. What dressing type is best for exudating wounds?

- a) Hydrogel
- b) Foam dressing
- c) Dry gauze
- d) Plastic wrap

# Correct Answer: b) Foam dressing

**Explanation:** Foam dressings are ideal for exudating wounds as they absorb excess fluid while maintaining a moist environment for healing. They provide cushioning and protection, reducing the risk of further injury. Registered nurses should select appropriate dressings based on wound characteristics to enhance healing and patient comfort.

# 21. How should the nurse assess a wound?

- a) By asking the patient only
- b) By touch alone
- c) Visually and through palpation
- d) By smell only

# Correct Answer: c) Visually and through palpation

**Explanation:** Assessing a wound visually and through palpation provides comprehensive information about its characteristics, including size, depth, color, and texture. This thorough assessment is vital for registered nurses to identify changes, monitor healing progress, and determine the appropriate interventions needed for effective wound management and care.



# 22. What is a common cause of skin breakdown?

- a) High protein diet
- b) Regular movement
- c) Excessive hydration
- d) Friction and shear

**Correct Answer: d) Friction and shear** 

**Explanation:** Friction and shear are common causes of skin breakdown, particularly in immobile patients. These forces can damage the skin and underlying tissues, leading to pressure ulcers. Registered nurses must implement strategies to minimize these risks, such as using sliding sheets during repositioning and ensuring proper positioning to protect vulnerable skin areas.

# 23. What does a black wound indicate?

- a) Healing process
- b) Moisture balance
- c) Healthy tissue
- d) Necrotic tissue

Correct Answer: d) Necrotic tissue

**Explanation:** A black wound indicates the presence of necrotic tissue, which is dead tissue that requires debridement for effective healing. Registered nurses must recognize this sign and take appropriate action to remove necrotic tissue, as it can impede healing and increase the risk of infection. Proper assessment and intervention are essential in wound management.

# 24. Which patient is at risk for pressure ulcers?

- a) Mobile adolescents
- b) Sedentary patients
- c) Active elderly
- d) Well-nourished individuals

**Correct Answer: b) Sedentary patients** 

**Explanation:** Sedentary patients, particularly those with limited mobility or prolonged bed rest, are at a higher risk for pressure ulcers. The lack of movement increases pressure on specific body areas, reducing blood flow and leading to tissue damage. Registered nurses must assess mobility levels and implement prevention strategies for at-risk patients to maintain skin integrity.



# 25. What is the purpose of wound debridement?

- a) To clean the wound
- b) To assess pain
- c) To remove dead tissue
- d) To apply a dressing

# Correct Answer: c) To remove dead tissue

**Explanation:** The purpose of wound debridement is to remove dead or necrotic tissue from the wound bed, which facilitates healing and reduces the risk of infection. Registered nurses must assess wounds regularly and determine when debridement is necessary, as this process promotes the formation of healthy granulation tissue and enhances overall wound healing.





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