

- 1** A 68-year-old woman is diagnosed with thrombocytopenia due to acute lymphocytic leukemia. She is admitted to the hospital for treatment. The nurse should assign the patient

  - (A) to a private room so she will not infect other patients and health care workers.
  - (B) to a private room so she will not be infected by other patients and health care workers.
  - (C) to a semiprivate room so she will have stimulation during her hospitalization.
  - (D) to a semiprivate room so she will have the opportunity to express her feelings about her illness.
  
- 2** The nurse teaches a group of mothers of toddlers how to prevent accidental poisoning. Which of the following suggestions should the nurse give regarding medications?

  - (A) Lock all medications in a cabinet.
  - (B) Child proof all the caps to medication bottles.
  - (C) Store medications on the highest shelf in a cupboard.
  - (D) Place medications in different containers.
  
- 3** While inserting a nasogastric tube, the nurse should use which of the following protective measures?

  - (A) Gloves, gown, goggles, and surgical cap.
  - (B) Sterile gloves, mask, plastic bags, and gown.
  - (C) Gloves, gown, mask, and goggles.
  - (D) Double gloves, goggles, mask, and surgical cap.
  
- 4** A 6-year-old boy is returned to his room following a tonsillectomy. He remains sleepy from the anesthesia but is easily awakened. The nurse should place the child in which of the following positions?

  - (A) Sims’.
  - (B) Side-lying.
  - (C) Supine.
  - (D) Prone.
  
- 5** A nursing team consists of an RN, an LPN/LVN, and a nursing assistant. The nurse should assign which of the following patients to the LPN/LVN?

  - (A) A 72-year-old patient with diabetes who requires a dressing change for a stasis ulcer.
  - (B) A 42-year-old patient with cancer of the bone complaining of pain.
  - (C) A 55-year-old patient with terminal cancer being transferred to hospice home care.
  - (D) A 23-year-old patient with a fracture of the right leg who asks to use the urinal.

### 1 The correct answer is B.

**What are the needs of the patient with acute lymphocytic leukemia and thrombocytopenia?**

*Needed Info:* Lymphocytic leukemia, disease characterized by proliferation of immature WBCs. Immature cells unable to fight infection as competently as mature white cells. Treatment: chemotherapy, antibiotics, blood transfusions, bone marrow transplantation. Nursing responsibilities: private room, no raw fruits or vegs, small frequent meals, O2, good skin care.

- (A) to a private room so she will not infect other patients and health care workers — poses little or no threat
- (B) to a private room so she will not be infected by other patients and health care workers — CORRECT: protects patient from exogenous bacteria, risk for developing infection from others due to depressed WBC count, alters ability to fight infection
- (C) to a semiprivate room so she will have stimulation during her hospitalization — should be placed in a room alone
- (D) to a semiprivate room so she will have the opportunity to express her feelings about her illness — ensure that patient is provided with opportunities to express feelings about illness

### 2 The correct answer is A.

**What is the BEST way to prevent accidental poisoning in children?**

**Strategy:** Picture toddlers at play.

- (A) Lock all medications in a cabinet — CORRECT: improper storage most common cause of poisoning; highest incidence in two-year-olds
- (B) Child proof all the caps to medication bottles — children can open
- (C) Store medications on the highest shelf in a cupboard — toddlers climb
- (D) Place medications in different containers — keep in original container

### 3 The correct answer is C.

**What is the correct universal precaution?**

**Strategy:** Think about each answer choice. How is each measure protecting the nurse?

*Needed Info:* Mask, eye protection, face shield protect mucous membrane exposure; used if activities are likely to generate splash or sprays. Gowns used if activities are likely to generate splashes or sprays.

- (A) Gloves, gown, goggles, and surgical cap — surgical caps offer protection to hair but aren't required.
- (B) Sterile gloves, mask, plastic bags, and gown — plastic bags provide no direct protection and aren't part of universal precautions
- (C) Gloves, gown, mask, and goggles — CORRECT: must use universal precautions on ALL patients; prevent skin and mucous membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated
- (D) Double gloves, goggles, mask, and surgical cap — surgical cap not required; unnecessary to double glove

### 4 The correct answer is B.

**What is the best position after tonsillectomy to help with drainage of oral secretions?**

- (A) Sims' — on side with top knee flexed and thigh drawn up to chest and lower knee less sharply flexed: used for vaginal or rectal examination
- (B) Side-lying — CORRECT: most effective to facilitate drainage of secretions from the mouth and pharynx; reduces possibility of airway obstruction.
- (C) Supine — increased risk for aspiration, would not facilitate drainage of oral secretions
- (D) Prone — risk for airway obstruction and aspiration, unable to observe the child for signs of bleeding such as increased swallowing

### 5 The correct answer is A.

**Which patient is an appropriate assignment for the LPN/LVN?**

*Needed Info:* LPN/LVN: assists with implementation of care; performs procedures; differentiates normal from abnormal; cares for stable patients with predictable conditions; has knowledge of asepsis and dressing changes; administers medications (varies with educational background and state nurse practice act).

- (A) A 72-year-old patient with diabetes who requires a dressing change for a stasis ulcer — CORRECT: stable patient with an expected outcome
- (B) A 42-year-old patient with cancer of the bone complaining of pain — requires assessment; RN is the appropriate caregiver
- (C) A 55-year-old patient with terminal cancer being transferred to hospice home care — requires nursing judgement; RN is the appropriate caregiver
- (D) A 23-year-old patient with a fracture of the right leg who asks to use the urinal — standard unchanging procedure; assign to the nursing assistant