

Aggressive Management of the Unstable Med-Surg Patient



Course Description

In this two-day program, participants will explore selected topics that every med-surg healthcare practitioner should know. General concepts will be covered to allow application to a wide variety of care settings, and comprehensive assessment and treatment modalities will be introduced to stimulate the experienced clinician. Each topic will be presented in a case study format highlighting the “red flags” to watch for, along with cutting-edge treatment strategies, in order to prevent further deterioration for the patient and ultimately to prevent harm.

Program Learning Outcomes

This program prepares the learner to:

- Discuss the assessment of the deteriorating medical-surgical patient using a systematic approach.
- Discriminate between a variety of tests and lab results in order to determine if the patient is on the right course.
- Describe the best care and treatment modalities for the patient using nursing judgment and critical thinking.
- Recognize when to call the Rapid Response Team.

Agenda

Sign-in begins at 7:30 am. Each day includes a one-hour lunch (on your own), as well as a morning and afternoon break of 15 minutes each. The order of lectures presented and break times may vary according to speaker preference.

Day 1, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

- 0800 **What do the Numbers Mean?**
CBC, Chemistries | Life-Threatening Electrolytes
- 0900 **IV Therapy and Fluids**
IV Fluids and Considerations | Recognition, Maintenance and Care of the Central Venous Access Devices (CVAD): CVC, PICC and Port-a-Cath
- 1000 **Break**
- 1015 **Air, Air, I Must Have Air: Respiratory Complications**
Assessment | Treatment of Conditions | Chest Drainage: In the Hospital and Going Home
- 1130 **Lunch**
- 1230 **Easy Steps to ABG Analysis**
Respiratory and Metabolic Disorders | Compensation: Heading in the Right Direction | Case Studies
- 1330 **The 5 Easy Steps to Rhythm Interpretation**
Identify Sinus Rhythm Quickly and Easily! | Identify Rhythms Quickly: Normal, Worrisome or Lethal?
- 1430 **Break**
- 1445 **Chest Pain—Chest Pain—Chest Pain**
Differentiating Pulmonary Embolism, Acute Coronary Syndromes, MI and Pericarditis | Don't Forget GI Disorders
- 1530 **Pacemakers: Don't Miss a Beat**
Tips to Know to be Successful at the Bedside | AICDs—a Special Breed
- 1600 **Adjourn**

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Day 2, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

- 0800 **Sepsis: Getting the Bugs Out!**
Identification of Sepsis | New Bundle Treatments
- 0900 **Bowel Issues: Go with the Gut!**
GI Bleeds, Obstructions and Paralytic Ileus | Nasogastric Tubes and More
- 0945 **Break**
- 1000 **Metabolic Syndromes**
Syndrome X: Solving the Mystery | Diabetes: DKA and HHNK—Help, My Patient is Out of Control!
- 1130 **Lunch**
- 1230 **Neurological Emergencies**
Strokes, Bleeds and Seizures
- 1400 **Urological Issues: My Patient isn't Micturating!**
Assessing Output | Failure
- 1445 **Break**
- 1500 **The Non-Critical Trauma Patient: What are We Watching For?**
Late Presentation Injuries (Pulmonary, GI, Orthopedic, Neuro) | Other Potential Lethal Complications | When to Activate the Rapid Response Team
- 1600 **Adjourn**

Accreditation

RN/LPN/LVN/Other: 13 Contact Hours RT: 13 Category 1 CRCE Hours

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