Emergency Triage: Assess & Intervene

Course Description
This intense one-day review will cover one of the most critical assignments for the ED nurse: triage. This program will review gathering a patient’s history, assessment skills and critical thinking. This course is designed to provide participants with a review of systems and discuss common emergencies for each system. Interactive triage case studies will challenge even the most seasoned nurses.

Program Learning Outcomes
This program prepares the learner to:
- Describe the benefits of a 5-level triage system.
- Assign the appropriate triage category to common ED presentations.
- Describe resources needed for a variety of patient complaints.
- Describe age-appropriate differences when triaging pediatric and geriatric populations.

Agenda
Sign-in begins at 7:30 am. The 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.

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

0800 Welcome and Introductions
0815 Goals and Guidelines for Triage
    History of Triage | Regulatory Considerations | Medical Screening | Types of Triage
0835 5-Level Triage
    ESI | CTC-Canada | Manchester-United Kingdom | Australasian Triage Scale (ATS)
0850 The Triage Process
    Components | Quick Look Assessment | Patient History | Focused Physical Assessment | Red Flags | Interventions | Resource Utilization
0930 Break
0945 Triaging Respiratory Complaints
    Respiratory Assessment | Respiratory History | Difficulty Breathing
1015 Triaging Cardiac Complaints
    Cardiac Assessment | Cardiac History | Chest Pain | ECG Changes | Differential Diagnosis of Chest Pain
1100 Triaging Abdominal Complaints
    Complaints by Quadrants | Separating the B’s From the C’s
1200 Lunch
1300 Triaging Neurological Complaints
    Stroke | Seizures | Head Trauma | LOC | Headaches
1400 Triaging EENT Complaints
    Ocular | Nasal | Dental | Facial | Throat/Neck Complaints

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1430  Break

1445  Triaging Ortho/Integumentary Complaints
Wounds | Ortho Injuries | Non-Traumatic Extremity Pain | Bites/Stings | Back Pain

1515  Triaging Psychiatric Complaints
Alcohol and Drug Use | Altered Mental Status | Confusion | Depression | Suicidal Behavior/Ideation

1545  Specific Patient Populations
Pediatric | Geriatric | Obstetric | Domestic Violence | Non-Accidental Trauma

1605  ESI Triage Process
You Make the Call | Triage Case Studies

1640  Questions, Wrap-Up and Evaluation

1700  Adjourn

Accreditation

RN/LPN/LVN/Other: 7.5 Contact Hours

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