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### 01 SATA

- Evaluate each option individuals
- Rearrange as a True/False Question

### 02 ABSOLUTE WORDS

- Always, Never, None, All, Every
- RED FLAGS
- May be correct if it's a safety issue

### 03 OPPOSITES

- Two opposite answer choices usually means one is correct
- Review before other options
- Hyper vs Hypo, Acute vs Chronic, Overload vs Deficit

### 04 SAME

- Answer options with the same concept means both are usually incorrect

### 05 PRIORITY

- ABCs, Pain, Education, Feelings
- Which option is closest to Airway
- ABCs
  - **Airway:** NPO, gag reflex, breathing, airway
  - **Breathing:** breath sounds, O2 admin, pulse ox, raise HOB
  - **Circulation:** HR, BP, CPR, fluid status, diarrhea, IV fluids, central lines, bleeding
  - **Safety:** physical (rugs, nightlight, phone, falls) infection (assessing, temp, hand washing, cultures, antibiotics, wounds)
- Keywords: priority, emergency, ambulance, returning to floor, see first

### 06 NURSING PROCESS

- Always follow ADPIE

### 07 ACUTE VS CHRONIC

- Content is KING
- If the question is asking about ACUTE condition, one of the options will be about CHRONIC
- Acute vs Chronic, Short Term vs Long Term, Early Signs vs Late Signs

### 08 WHAT DO THEY WANT TO KNOW?

- Read every word of the question
- Remove distractors
- Don't overthink
- Correct or Incorrect Answer (except/further teaching)

### 09 EXPECTED FINDINGS VS COMPLICATIONS

- Rule out expected findings

### 10 REPEATING WORDS

- Last ditch effort, when all else fails
- Look for repeating words in question and answer options

### 11 NCLEX® QUESTION TRAPS

- No Assessment
- Incomplete Assessment
- Incorrect Assessment
- "First" doesn't always mean assessment
- "Action" doesn't always mean implementation
- Determine the outcome of each answer option