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01 SATA

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

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

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)

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

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

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

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