
Chapter 2

Question 1

Type: MCMA

The nurse is planning care for an adolescent client who will be hospitalized for several weeks following a traumatic brain injury. Which interventions will enhance family-centered care for this client and family?

**Standard Text:** Select all that apply.

1. Making all ADL decisions for the adolescent and family
2. Asking the adolescent what foods to include during meal time
3. Allowing the family time to pray each day with the adolescent
4. Encouraging the adolescent’s friends to visit during visiting hours
5. Leaving all questions for the healthcare provider

**Correct Answer:** 2,3,4

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**Cognitive Level:** Applying  
**Client Need:** Health Promotion and Maintenance  
**Client Need Sub:**  
**Nursing/Integrated Concepts:** Nursing Process: Implementation  
**Learning Outcome:** LO 2.7 Develop a family-centered nursing care plan for the child and family.

**Question 2**  
**Type:** MCSA

A new pediatric hospital will open soon. While planning nursing care, the hospital administration is considering two models of providing health care: family-focused care and family-centered care. Which action best implements family-centered care?

1. Telling the family what must be done for the family’s health  
2. Assuming the role of an expert professional to direct the health care  
3. Intervening for the child and family as a unit  
4. Conferring with the family in deciding which healthcare option will be chosen

**Correct Answer:** 4

**Rationale 1:** The benefit of employing the family-centered-care philosophy is that the priorities and needs as seen by the family are addressed as a partnership between a family and a nurse develops. In family-focused care, the healthcare worker assumes the role of professional expert while missing the multiple contributions the family brings to the healthcare meeting.

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**Cognitive Level:** Applying

**Client Need:** Safe Effective Care Environment

**Client Need Sub:**

**Nursing/Integrated Concepts:** Nursing Process: Planning

**Learning Outcome:** LO 2.1 Describe key concepts of family-centered care.

**Question 3**

**Type:** MCSA

A school-age client tells you that “Grandpa, Mommy, Daddy, and my brother live at my house.” Which type of family will the nurse identify in the medical record based on this description?

1. Binuclear family
2. Extended family
3. Gay or lesbian family
4. Traditional nuclear family

**Correct Answer:** 2

**Rationale 1:** An extended family contains a parent or a couple who share the house with their children and another adult relative. A binuclear family includes the divorced parents who have joint custody of their biologic children, while the children alternate spending varying amounts of time in the home of each parent. A gay or lesbian family is comprised of two same-sex domestic partners; they may or may not have children. The traditional nuclear family consists of an employed provider parent, a homemaking parent, and the biologic children of this union.

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Client Need: Health Promotion and Maintenance
Client Need Sub:
Nursing/Integrated Concepts: Nursing Process: Assessment
Learning Outcome: LO 2.2 Identify characteristics of different types of families.

Question 4
Type: MCSA

The nurse is performing an assessment of a child’s biologic family history. Which situation would necessitate the nurse’s asking the mother for information should use the term “child’s father” instead of “your husband”?

1. Traditional nuclear family
2. Traditional extended family
3. Two-income nuclear family
4. Cohabitating informal stepfamily

Correct Answer: 4

Rationale 1: The mother from the cohabitating informal stepfamily does not have a husband; the nurse should be asking about the “child’s father.” In the traditional nuclear family, the traditional extended family, and the two-income nuclear family, the child’s father is the same person as the mother’s husband.

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**Learning Outcome:** LO 2.2 Identify characteristics of different types of families.

**Question 5**  
**Type:** MCSA

Several children arrived at the emergency department accompanied only by their fathers. Which father may legally sign emergency medical consent for treatment?

1. The divorced one from the binuclear family  
2. The stepfather from the blended or reconstituted family  
3. The divorced one when the single-parent mother has custody  
4. The nonbiologic one from the heterosexual cohabitating family

**Correct Answer:** 1

**Rationale 1:** The divorced father from the binuclear family may sign informed consent because he has equal legal rights with the mother under joint-custody arrangements. The nonbiologic stepfather from the blended or reconstituted family, the divorced biologic father when the single-parent mother has custody, and the nonbiologic father from the heterosexual cohabitating family are without legal authority to seek emergency medical care for the child.

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**Client Need Sub**: Nursing/Integrated Concepts: Nursing Process: Planning
**Learning Outcome**: LO 2.2 Identify characteristics of different types of families.

**Question 6**
**Type**: MCSA

The community-health nurse is assessing several families for various strengths and needs in regard to after-school and backup child-care arrangements. Which family type will benefit the most from this assessment and subsequent interventions?

1. The binuclear family
2. The extended family
3. The single-parent family
4. The traditional nuclear family

**Correct Answer**: 3

**Rationale 1**: The single-parent family most typically lacks social, emotional, and financial resources. Nursing considerations for such families should include referrals to options that will enable the parent to fulfill work commitments while providing the child with access to resources that can support the child’s growth and development. The binuclear family, the extended family, and the traditional nuclear family generally have at least two adults who can share in the care and the nurturing of its children.

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Client Need: Health Promotion and Maintenance
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Learning Outcome: LO 2.2 Identify characteristics of different types of families.

Question 7
Type: MCSA

The nurse is working on parenting skills with a group of mothers. Which mother would need the fewest discipline-related suggestions?

1. Authoritarian one
2. Authoritative one
3. Indifferent one
4. Permissive one

Correct Answer: 2

Rationale 1: The parenting style that results in positive outcomes for the behavior and learning of its children is the authoritative style. Nurses have observed that children from homes using this parental style more frequently have personalities manifesting self-reliance, self-control, and social competence. These parents should be praised for using the preferred approach. Children in the authoritarian parenting family are denied opportunity to develop some skills in the areas of self-direction, communication, and negotiation. Under the permissive parenting style, children do not learn the socially acceptable limits of behaviors. The indifferent parenting style results in children who often exhibit destructive behaviors and delinquency.
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Client Need: Psychosocial Integrity  
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Learning Outcome: LO 2.3 Contrast four different parenting styles and analyze their impact on child personality development.

Question 8  
Type: MCSA  
The nurse in the pediatric clinic observes a parental lack of warmth and interest toward the child. Which family style will the nurse most likely document in this situation?  

1. Authoritarian  

2. Authoritative
3. Indifferent

4. Permissive

Correct Answer: 3

Rationale 1: Parents displaying the indifferent parenting style fail to demonstrate consistent warmth and interest in their children. Parents who favor the authoritarian style may exhibit a punitive attitude toward the child who is misbehaving but are not disinterested. Parents employing the authoritative style and the permissive style have children who report that “my parent loves me and shows affection regularly.”

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Cognitive Level: Analyzing

Client Need: Psychosocial Integrity

Client Need Sub: Nursing/Integrated Concepts: Nursing Process: Assessment

Learning Outcome: LO 2.3 Contrast four different parenting styles and analyze their impact on child personality development.

Question 9

Type: MCSA

The nurse is working on parenting skills with a mother of three children. The nurse demonstrates a strategy that uses reward to increase positive behavior. Which strategy will the nurse document in the medical record based on this description?

1. Time out

2. Reasoning
3. Behavior modification

4. Experiencing consequences of misbehavior

Correct Answer: 3

**Rationale 1:** Behavior modification identifies and gives rewards for desired behaviors. Time out and experiencing consequences of misbehavior show the child that unacceptable behavior brings undesirable outcomes. Reasoning attempts to use explanation to end misbehavior.

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**Nursing/Integrated Concepts:** Nursing Process: Implementation

**Learning Outcome:** LO 2.3 Contrast four different parenting styles and analyze their impact on child personality development.

**Question 10**

**Type:** MCSA

The nurse is assessing a family’s effective coping strategies and ineffective defensive strategies. Which family-social-system theory is the nurse using in this assessment of the family?

1. Family-stress theory
2. Family-development theory
3. Family-systems theory
4. Family life-cycle theory

Correct Answer: 1
Rationale 1: Family-stress theory indicates an array of coping strategies that effectively help reduce stress, in contrast with the defensive strategies of dysfunctional families. Family-development theory suggests developmental tasks for families in each stage. Family-systems theory looks at the relationships among and between family members and the environment. The family life cycle is not a family social system theory.

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Client Need: Psychosocial Integrity
Client Need Sub:
Nursing/Integrated Concepts: Nursing Process: Assessment
Learning Outcome: LO 2.5 List the categories of family strengths that help families develop and cope with stressors.

Question 11
Type: MCSA

The nurse is assigned to a child in a spica cast for a fractured femur suffered in an automobile accident. The child’s teenage brother was driving the car, which was totaled. The nurse learns that the father lost his job three weeks ago and the mother has just accepted a temporary waitress job. Which nursing diagnosis will the nurse use when planning care for this child and family?

1. Compromised Family Coping Related to the Effects of Multiple Simultaneous Stressors

2. Impaired Social Interaction (Parent and Child) Related to the Lack of Family or Respite Support

3. Interrupted Family Processes Related to Child with Significant Disability Requiring Alteration in Family Functioning

4. Risk for Caregiver Role Strain Related to Child with a Newly Acquired Disability and the Associated Financial Burden
Correct Answer: 1

**Rationale 1:** Compromised Family Coping Related to the Effects of Multiple Simultaneous Stressors best fits the multiple crises to which this family is responding. The spica cast may require alteration in family functioning; however, fractures are generally not considered a significant long-term disability. Lack of family members and lack of respite support was not mentioned in the scenario.

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**Client Need:** Psychosocial Integrity

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**Nursing/Integrated Concepts:** Nursing Process: Diagnosis

**Learning Outcome:** LO 2.6 Summarize the advantages of using a family or cultural assessment tool.

**Question 12**

**Type:** MCSA

A nurse is working with the family of a pediatric client. When planning to obtain an accurate family assessment, which initial step is the most appropriate?

1. Establish a trusting relationship with the family.

2. Select the most relevant family-assessment tool.

3. Focus primarily upon the mother, while learning her greatest concern.

4. Observe the family in the home setting, since this step always proves indispensable.

**Correct Answer:** 1
Rationale 1: Establishment of a trusting relationship between the family and the nurse is the essential preliminary step in obtaining an accurate family assessment. There is benefit when the tool used matches the family’s strengths and resources; however, selecting the most relevant family-assessment tool is not indispensable to accuracy in the assessment. Focusing primarily upon the mother while learning her greatest concern is counterproductive and prevents the nurse from acknowledging multiple perceptions held by the family’s members. Observing the family in the home setting is only recommended in some cases.

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Learning Outcome: LO 2.6 Summarize the advantages of using a family or cultural assessment tool.

Question 13
Type: MCSA

The camp nurse is assessing a group of children attending summer camp. The nurse will expect which children to most likely have problems perceiving a sense of belonging?

1. Children whose parents divorced recently
2. Children who gained a stepparent recently
3. Children recently placed into foster care
4. Children adopted as infants

Correct Answer: 3

**Rationale 1**: Children in foster care are more likely to have problems perceiving a sense of belonging. Children whose parents divorce often fear abandonment. Children who gain a stepparent may have problems trusting the new parent. Infants who are adopted at birth can have minimal problems with acceptance when parents follow preadoption counseling about disclosure.

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**Learning Outcome**: LO 2.4 Explain the effects of major family changes on children.

**Question 14**
**Type**: MCSA

There are several tools that help with obtaining a cultural assessment of a client and his family. Which tool would be appropriate to gather 12 major concepts of cultural assessment?

1. Sunrise enabler
2. Model for cultural competence
3. Transcultural assessment model

4. Health traditions model

**Correct Answer: 2**

**Rationale 1:** The sunrise enabler examines influences on care and culture. The model for cultural competence will gather information on 12 major concepts. The transcultural assessment model is based on 6 phenomena. The health traditions model is predicated on holistic health.

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**Global Rationale:** The sunrise enabler examines influences on care and culture. The model for cultural competence will gather information on 12 major concepts. The transcultural assessment model is based on 6 phenomena. The health traditions model is predicated on holistic health.

**Cognitive Level:** Analyzing

**Client Need:** Health Promotion and Maintenance

**Client Need Sub:**

**Nursing/Integrated Concepts:** Nursing Process: Assessment

**Learning Outcome:** LO 2.6 Summarize the advantages of using a family or cultural assessment tool.

**Question 15**

**Type:** MCSA

Cultures have many different childrearing practices. Which culture is known to value the male child more than the female child, and often teaches children to avoid displaying emotion?

1. Mexican
2. Amish
3. Chinese
4. Navajo

**Correct Answer:** 3
Rationale 1: The Chinese culture values the male child more than the female child, and often teaches children to avoid showing emotion. The other cultures do not have this component.

Rationale 2: The Chinese culture values the male child more than the female child, and often teaches children to avoid showing emotion. The other cultures do not have this component.

Rationale 3: The Chinese culture values the male child more than the female child, and often teaches children to avoid showing emotion. The other cultures do not have this component.

Rationale 4: The Chinese culture values the male child more than the female child, and often teaches children to avoid showing emotion. The other cultures do not have this component.

Global Rationale: The Chinese culture values the male child more than the female child, and often teaches children to avoid showing emotion. The other cultures do not have this component.

Cognitive Level: Applying
Client Need: Psychosocial Integrity
Client Need Sub:
Nursing/Integrated Concepts: Nursing Process: Assessment
Learning Outcome: LO 2.8 Describe cultural influences on the family’s beliefs about health, illness, and treatments.

Question 16
Type: MCMA

The nurse is planning care for a school-age client and family who have expressed wanting to use complementary and alternative modalities (CAM) in the treatment plan. Which interventions can the nurse safely implement into the plan of care?

Standard Text: Select all that apply.

1. Substituting an herbal remedy for a prescribed medication
2. Encouraging the parents to share which modalities they would like to implement
3. Educating on the benefits and risks for each modality
4. Using essential oils to decrease nausea
5. Discouraging the use of faith-based therapies

Correct Answer: 2, 3, 4.

Rationale 1: Appropriate interventions for this client and family include encouraging the parents to share which modalities they want to implement, educating about the risks and benefits of each modality, and using modalities that are safe, such the use of essential oils to decrease nausea. An herbal remedy should not be substituted for a prescribed medication, but can be used if deemed safe with the prescribed medication. Discouraging the use of faith-based therapies does not support the client and family who want to use CAM in the treatment plan.
**Rationale 2**: Appropriate interventions for this client and family include encouraging the parents to share which modalities they want to implement, educating about the risks and benefits of each modality, and using modalities that are safe, such the use of essential oils to decrease nausea. An herbal remedy should not be substituted for a prescribed medication, but can be used if deemed safe with the prescribed medication. Discouraging the use of faith-based therapies does not support the client and family who want to use CAM in the treatment plan.

**Rationale 3**: Appropriate interventions for this client and family include encouraging the parents to share which modalities they want to implement, educating about the risks and benefits of each modality, and using modalities that are safe, such the use of essential oils to decrease nausea. An herbal remedy should not be substituted for a prescribed medication, but can be used if deemed safe with the prescribed medication. Discouraging the use of faith-based therapies does not support the client and family who want to use CAM in the treatment plan.

**Rationale 4**: Appropriate interventions for this client and family include encouraging the parents to share which modalities they want to implement, educating about the risks and benefits of each modality, and using modalities that are safe, such the use of essential oils to decrease nausea. An herbal remedy should not be substituted for a prescribed medication, but can be used if deemed safe with the prescribed medication. Discouraging the use of faith-based therapies does not support the client and family who want to use CAM in the treatment plan.

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**Global Rationale**: Appropriate interventions for this client and family include encouraging the parents to share which modalities they want to implement, educating about the risks and benefits of each modality, and using modalities that are safe, such the use of essential oils to decrease nausea. An herbal remedy should not be substituted for a prescribed medication, but can be used if deemed safe with the prescribed medication. Discouraging the use of faith-based therapies does not support the client and family who want to use CAM in the treatment plan.

**Cognitive Level**: Analyzing

**Client Need**: Psychosocial Integrity

**Client Need Sub**: Nursing/Integrated Concepts: Nursing Process: Implementation

**Learning Outcome**: LO 2.9 Discuss nursing interventions for providing culturally sensitive and competent care to the child and family.