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**ASSIGNMENT**

**FOUR EMERGENCY NURSING CONDITIONS INCLUDES:**

1. Management of Snake bite
2. Management of Unconsciousness
3. Management of Drowning
4. Management of fracture of the humerus

**MANAGEMENT OF SNAKE BITE**

* Remove the client from the source of danger
* Keep the client quiet, calm and still as possible to keep the venom from spreading
* Reassure the client
* Kill the snake if possible
* Apply constricting band above the bitten area
* Gently wash the wound well with soap and water
* Pat dry with clean cloth
* Allow the bitten site to bleed freely
* Immobilize the affected part
* Keep the affected part below the level of the heart
* Prevent overcrowding for ventilation
* Do not give any thing by mouth if the client is unconscious or if the client is vomiting
* Transport client to the hospital immediately
* Take the dead snake along for identification
* Observe client while on the way to the hospital
* Send for relatives

**MANAGEMENT OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS**

* Place patient in prone position with the head turned to one side
* Suction the airway, make the airway patent
* Remove/undo tight clothing round the neck, chest and waist
* Ensure sufficient fresh air round the patient by opening windows if indoors or keeping on lookers at a distance if outdoor
* Do not give any thing by mouth
* Keep the patient reasonably warm
* Send for medical aid or arrange for immediate transport to hospital
* Treat any obvious cause such as haemorrhage, fracture or difficulty in breathing
* Assess the level of unconsciousness

**MANAGEMENT OF DROWNING**

* Take the client to a safer place
* Prevent overcrowding
* Ensure a patent airway
* Remove tight clothing around the neck, chest and waist
* Turn the drowning persons head to the side, allowing any water to drain from his or her mouth and nose. Turn the head back to the centre
* Press the stomach to allow drainage of swallowed water
* Remove wet clothing
* Treat for shock
* Keep the body warm by covering the client body with available clothes
* Reassure the client
* Transport client to the hospital immediately
* Send for the relatives

**MANAGEMENT OF FRACTURE OF THE HUMERUS**

* Move the client to safer place, away from the site of accident/occurrence
* Reassure the client appropriately
* Help/Ask client to sit down
* Expose the site to assess whether simple or compound fracture
* Control haemorrhage if any
* Immobilize the affected part with improvised splint and sling
* Try to avoid bandaging the fracture site if possible’
* Watch out for shock and treat if present
* Clean and cover the client if there is any open wound
* Arrange to take or send the client to the hospital for expert management