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EMERGENCY NURSING CONDITIONS AND THEIR VARIOUS MANAGEMENTS

ANSWER:

NURSING MANAGEMENT OF A SNAKEBITE:

* Move the victim to a safer place
* Reassure the victim appropriately
* Lie/sit the victim down to minimize spread of the venom through the body
* Clean and cover the wound with a light sterile dressing
* Instruct the victim to rest the affected limb and treat according to the presenting sign and symptoms
* If the victim becomes unconscious, open airway, check breathing and be prepared to carryout cardio pulmonary resuscitation
* Give powdered charcoal to absorb the poison
* If the snake was found and killed, take it to the hospital along-side the patient so that the suitable anti-venom can be identified
* Do not apply a tourniquet, incise the wound with a sharp object and suck out the venom

NURSING MANAGEMENT OF FRACTURE OF THE HUMERUS

* Move the victim to a safer place, away from the site of accident/occurrence
* Reassure the patient appropriately
* Help/ask patient to sit down
* Expose the site to assess whether simple or compound fracture
* Control hemorrhage 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 if there is any open wound
* Arrange to take or send patient to the hospital for expert management

NURSING MANAGEMENT FOR A FOREIGN BODY IN THE NOSE:

* Reassure patient appropriately to instill hope
* Place patient in upright position
* Assess/examine the victim’s nostrils to know the extent of the foreign body
* Instruct the victim not to poke inside/ attempt removal of the foreign object to prevent pushing the object further inside
* Close the unaffected nostril and tell the patient to blow out through the affected one
* Do not attempt to remove the foreign body, even if you can see
* Encourage the victim to breathe through the mouth
* Arrange to take/ send patient to hospital/ where the object can safely be removed

NURSING MANAGEMENT FOR SHOCK:

* Lay the victim down with the legs elevated to encourage blood supply to vital centers
* Maintain a patent airway
* Undress/ loose tight clothing round the chest and neck
* Cover the victim with blanket to provide warmth but do not over-heat
* Assess patient’s level of consciousness using Glasgow coma scale
* Initiate cardiopulmonary resuscitation if respiratory failure occurs
* If patient is conscious , reassure him/her by appearing calm, self-confident and with words of the mouth
* Do not give the patient any stimulant
* Send patient to the hospital for expert medical management