

13th June - Reading Part B

Text 1 - Vocab:

- To reinforce
- Phased approach
- Straightforward
- 1. What does the email tell staff about the update to asthma guidelines?

Not emphasis, there is a condition mentioned: "but..."

Objective testing is now given greater emphasis.

Comparison of strengths, not types

Comparison of medication types is now possible.

The stages of treatment are now easier to understand.

To: All local GPs

From: General Hospital

Subject: Update to asthma guidelines

The updated national asthma guideline has now been published. The update focuses on the chapters on diagnosis and pharmacological therapy.

The updated Diagnosis chapter continues to reinforce the importance of proceeding towards a diagnosis based on the probability of asthma, and that asthma is a variable condition for which there is no definitive diagnostic test. It suggests that objective testing can be useful, but should take place in the context of a 'structured clinical assessment'.

In the Pharmacology chapter, there are some significant changes to the presentation of

the familiar steps of asthma management, and to comparing inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)

strengths. A phased approach to treatment is still recommended, but the numbering of the steps has been replaced by more helpful descriptions. The new banding of ICS by strength

should be more accurate and straightforward in practice.



Text 2 - Vocab:

- Valuables
- Sealed
- Cashier

action

- 2. According to the policy document, valuables belonging to a hospital in-patient who dies should
 - (A) be labelled and stored in a secure manner.

Clothes, not valuables

- (B) be documented and deposited for safekeeping.
- © be kept with the body until the family is contacted.

DOA patients, not in-patients

Patients' property

When a patient is admitted, relatives should be asked to take valuables/property home if possible. If this is not possible any valuables will be recorded in the Property Book and placed in a sealed envelope.

Where a patient dies in the care of the hospital and no relatives are present, valuables should be recorded using the Property Book and sent to the cashier's office. All clothing should be placed in a sealed bag marked with the patient's name and hospital and transferred with the body to the mortuary.

If a patient is certified dead on arrival then his/her property, clothing and valuables should not be removed, but should be transferred with the body to the mortuary.



Text 3 - Vocab:

- Restricted
- Naïve
- Derive

3. What does the guideline extract tell medical staff about PPCA?

Historical, not present/future

A the limitations which are being introduced regarding its use

B why it is now considered appropriate for certain patients

C by which delivery methods it will be permitted

No mention which ones will be allowed

Proxy patient-controlled analgesia (PPCA) for paediatric patients

The utilisation of PPCA, where analgesia is controlled by a patient's parent, has historically been restricted due to concerns over patient safety. Parental participation has been limited to assessment and reporting of their child's pain to healthcare professionals, rather than their being trained to take on responsibility for the administration of bolus doses of analgesia. Although this is entirely appropriate in a patient population which is opiate naïve and with limited pain experience, the palliative care population has different characteristics. There, patients and parents are experienced in the assessment and management of pain, and in utilising oral, buccal and transdermal analgesic preparations including opioids. The children who may derive enhanced pain management from this method of analgesic delivery are recognised to have experience of opiates during their illness trajectory, and be more likely to require assistance in initiating bolus analgesia as a result of their illness.



Answers:

- 1 C The stages of treatment are now easier to understand.
- 2 B be documented and deposited for safekeeping.
- 3 B why it is now considered appropriate for certain patients