

1st November – Reading Part B

Vocabulary

Put the words into the correct sentence 1-6

gait / accelerated / in line with / thorough / substitute / agitation

1. The doctor prescribed a **substitute** medication since the patient was allergic to the original drug.
2. The treatment plan was adjusted **in line with** the latest research on diabetes management.
3. The nurse noticed signs of **agitation** in the patient, which could indicate a reaction to the new medication.
4. The patient's heart rate became **accelerated** after the administration of the stimulant.
5. A **thorough** examination was conducted to rule out any underlying conditions causing the symptoms.
6. The physical therapist observed the patient's **gait** to assess their recovery after knee surgery.

Instructions for today's lesson:

1. We will answer three Reading Part B questions in exam conditions
2. For each question, you will have 3 minutes to read and choose the correct answer: A, B or C
3. Once you have seen all three texts and answered the questions, you will go to a breakout room and have 3 minutes to discuss your answer for each question – please discuss why you chose A, B or C and use elimination if possible
4. We will come back to the main room and use the poll before we discuss the answers for each question
5. We will use the same process to check all three questions

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 - (B) why regional protocols vary.
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Guideline for nurses: Use of sterile and non-sterile gloves

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Prescribing guidelines: Alzheimer's

Although antipsychotics are sometimes prescribed for behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia, they produce limited benefits and are associated with an increased risk of stroke and mortality, as well as other serious adverse events such as sedation and accelerated cognitive decline. However, in cases of dementia associated with extreme disturbance that require urgent treatment, for example, if violence, aggression or severe agitation are present, an antipsychotic drug or a benzodiazepine may be given as a last resort.

Before commencing, the benefits and harms should be discussed with the patient, family members and carers, as appropriate. The antipsychotic should be used at the lowest dose for the shortest possible time. It should be stopped if it is not helping or is no longer needed.

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Guidance: Out-toeing in young children

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A thorough observation of the gait should be carried out, then the child placed in prone position for an examination of range of motion in the internal and external hip, foot posture and thigh-foot angle, which should not exceed 30–40 degrees. Children who are showing signs of asymmetrical deformity, functional difficulties or progression of out-toeing should be referred immediately.

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Answers:

- 4) A
- 5) C
- 6) B