

Care of Medical and Surgical Patients In the Clinical Setting

*Infections in Acute Care, Wound Care,
and Mental Health Considerations*

Contact Hours: 6.75 CE



Introduction

A variety of clinical applications is included in this day of instruction. A discussion of the inflammatory response system and its implication in fever, infection and sepsis is included along with management techniques and monitoring parameters. An overview of HIV is presented including clinical manifestations, current treatment and lab testing. The impact of wounds in the clinical setting and appropriate management is discussed. A pharmacologic review of the psychotherapeutic drugs is correlated with the clinical presentation and management of various types of mental health alterations frequently seen in patients. These conditions include:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Suicide attempts
- Alcohol and substance abuse
- Delirium
- Dementia
- Sleep deprivation
- Violence

Objectives

1. Discuss the etiology, clinical significance, assessment parameters, and management of fever in the acutely ill population.
2. Verbalize an understanding of the use of anti-infective agents in treating the acutely ill.
3. Describe the clinical manifestations and treatment in septic patients.
4. Discuss the clinical manifestations and treatment options in acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.
5. Identify the mechanisms of injury and appropriate management of various types of wounds.

6. Recognize the clinical manifestations and potential interventions in patients suffering from anxiety, depression, and suicide attempts.
7. Identify some of the potential clinical manifestations and treatment options in patients with alcohol and substance abuse.
8. Recognize the clinical manifestations and potential treatments and interventions in acutely ill patients and the general population experiencing delirium, dementia, sleep deprivation, and violence.

Recent seminar participants had this to say about “Infections in Acute Care, Wound Care, and Mental Health Considerations”:



“Great information to have as we work with these patients.”

“This seminar was very helpful in recognizing the signs and symptoms of the disorders and what treatment would be given.”

“This will help me to treat my patients appropriately especially those with infections and mental health disorders.”

“We deal a lot with sepsis, wounds, and mental health patients. Good update on medications, alternatives, and treatments used in the workplace.”



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