

## **Emergency Department Objectives**

Student will demonstrate the ability to assist in the following procedures with 100% accuracy.

1. Initial survey of patient, head to foot, anterior-posterior.
2. Admission of patient to ER (vital signs, notification of M.D., etc.)
3. Set up and operate suction equipment and maintain patent airway.
4. Set up and assist with minor lacerations and know how to stop bleeding.
5. Describe signs, symptoms, and immediate treatment of two medical emergencies
  - a. heart attack
  - b. CVA.
6. Give emotional support to family and keep family informed of patient's progress.
7. Describe EMT's role in emergency care and how to interact with them.
8. Set up and assist with gastric lavage.
9. Code Blue - placement of cardiac board, placement of endotracheal tube, use of Ambu bag, EKG monitor lead placement, chest compression, defibrillation.
10. Burn treatment - Demonstrate understanding of rule of 9's.
11. Know immediate treatment for 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree burns.
12. Set up and assist the doctor with casting.
13. Transfer of patient to surgery or unit; discharge patient directly from ER.
14. Set up and assist with vaginal exam.
15. Set up and assist with eye and E.N.T. problem.
16. Assist with procedures done in ER; i.e., paracentesis, thoracentesis, lumbar puncture, pelvic exam.
17. Describe treatment of closed head trauma.
18. How psychiatric emergencies are handled.

# Emergency Department Report

Describe and include the following materials:

1. What is the initial survey of the patient and why is it important?
2. How are vital signs and observations important in determining the patient's condition; i.e., patent airway, internal bleeding, shock and head injuries?
3. Discuss Emergency Department care for patients with M.I. vs CVA.
4. List a few ways of giving emotional support to the family.
5. What is the purpose of gastric lavage? In which types of poisonings would you not induce vomiting?
6. What is the difference between 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns? What is the current therapy at this facility for burn care?
7. What are the nurses' duties when diagnostic procedures are done?
8. List a few eye problems and treatment; i.e., chemical burns, foreign body, etc.
9. Describe some of the experiences you had during your emergency department rotation.