



Comfort

Pain Assessment

Pre-Assessment

Questions

1. A patient in pain may:
 - a. moan and groan
 - b. laugh and smile
 - c. be depressed
 - d. be angry
 - e. all of the above

2. Any patient in pain is suffering.
True False

3. Patients may sleep in spite of severe pain.
True False

4. Sleep or sedation can be equated with pain relief.
True False

5. The most accurate way to measure a patient's pain is
 - a. for the nurse and physician to observe the patient together
 - b. monitor vital signs for any changes
 - c. patient's self report
 - d. intuitive skills developed by the expert nurse

6. What factors about the patient's pain must you know to develop a pain management plan?
 - a. description of the pain and its intensity
 - b. location of the pain and when it started
 - c. aggravating factors and previous treatments
 - d. a and b
 - e. a and b and c

Answers:

1. A patient in pain may:

Answer: e) all of the above

2. Any patient in pain is suffering.

Answer: False

3. Patients may sleep in spite of severe pain.

Answer: True

4. Sleep or sedation can be equated with pain relief.

Answer: False

5. The most accurate way to measure a patient's pain is

Answer: c) patient's self report

6. What factors about the patient's pain must you know to develop a pain management plan?

Answer: e) a and b and c