

ACUTE STROKE UNIT ORIENTATION

2023

MODULE 7: COGNITION, PERCEPTION, AND BEHAVIOUR

Name:	Date:

A. PERCEPTION

- 1. Perception refers to:
 - 1. How we process information
 - 2. How we interpret information
 - 3. Perception is due to primary sensory impairment
 - 4. Perceptual deficits will depend on which part of the brain is affected by the stroke

Select the best answer:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 2
- c. 1, 2 and 4
- d. 4 only

Quiz

- You may use the resource as a reference to answer these questions.
- Submit your completed quiz to the Nurse Clinician or designate for marking.

SWO Stroke Network, 2018. Adapted from NEO Stroke Network (2010).

- 2. Which of the following statements are correct?
 - 1. USN is one of the most common perceptual deficits
 - 2. Perceptual deficits are always obvious to the stroke survivor
 - 3. Caregivers can easily pick out perceptual deficits
 - 4. Perceptual disorders can be treated with remedial or compensatory approaches

- a. None of above
- b. All of the above
- c. 1 and 4
- d. 2 and 3

3. Visual neglect causes:

- 1. Decrease awareness of the body and environment on the side affected by the stroke
- 2. Patient to bump into objects on the affected side
- 3. Patient may eat only one half their food on one side of the plate
- 4. This deficit may not be obvious to the patient

Select the best answer:

- a. All of the above
- b. None of the above
- c. 1 only
- d. 2 and 3

4. What can we do to improve a patient's perception?

- 1. Arrange the environment to provide stimulation on the stroke-affected side
- 2. Arrange the environment to provide stimulation to the unaffected side
- 3. Use visual cues
- 4. Encourage scanning of the environment

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 1, 2 and 3
- d. 1, 3 and 4

- 5. What strategies can you use for someone with unilateral visual neglect?
 - 1. Encourage stroke survivor to turn head to affected side
 - 2. Place items on the affected side to increase awareness of this visual space
 - 3. Use of visual cues
 - 4. Encourage patient to practice these strategies throughout the day

- a. All of above
- b. None of the above
- c. 1 and 2
- d. 2 and 4
- 6. Which of the following statements are correct?
 - 1. Spatial relation refers to how objects relate to one another and how we relate to the objects in our environment
 - 2. Spatial relation problems can include tripping over rugs, misjudging the height of step, missing the chair when sitting
 - 3. Practice will not improve spatial relations issues
 - 4. Safety is an issue with patients who have spatial relation issues

- a. 1 and 3
- b. All of the above
- c. None of the above
- d. 1, 2 and 4

B. COGNITION

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- 2. Which of the following statements are correct?
 - 1. Problems with cognition decreases the stroke survivor's level of independence
 - 2. Cognition problems after stroke and dementia are one in the same
 - 3. Cognition problems related to stroke may improve with therapy
 - 4. Patient's with cognitive problems may appear to be perfectly normal

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- a. All of the above
- b. 2 and 3
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- 3. Which of the following strategies may improve cognition?
 - 1. Use of memory aids
 - 2. Making a schedule
 - 3. Decrease distractions, turn off TV and radio
 - 4. Give short simple step by step instructions

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- 4. What can we do, as healthcare providers to help patients with cognitive problems?
 - 1. Ensure safe environment
 - 2. Giving the survivor extra time to perform tasks
 - 3. Make sure the survivor understands the instructions before you give multiple instructions at one time

- a. 1 and 3
- b. 1, 2 and 3
- c. All of the above
- d. 2 and 3
- 5. What strategies can be used to help a patient having difficulty with orientation?
 - 1. Post a calendar to help patient keep track of date
 - 2. Give gentle reminders
 - 3. Use a bulletin board with schedule on it
 - 4. Maintain a consistent schedule to reduce confusion

- a. 1, 2 and 4
- b. 1 and 2
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

C. BEHAVIOUR

- 1. What factors influence behaviour changes?
 - 1. Where the stroke was in the brain
 - 2. The severity of the stroke
 - 3. Gender of the stroke survivor
 - 4. The survivor's personality prior to stroke

Select the best answer:

- a. All of the above
- b. None of the above
- c. 1, 2 and 4
- d. 2 and 3
- 2. Which of the following statements are correct?
 - 1. Emotional liability is lack of emotional control
 - 2. Emotional liability is attention seeking behaviour
 - 3. Loss of control of emotions is common post stroke
 - 4. Emotional responses always match the emotions being experienced by the stroke survivor

Select the best answer:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3
- c. 1, 2 and 4
- d. 1 only
- 3. What strategies can be used to help a patient experiencing anger and aggression?
 - 1. Try to identify cause of anger
 - 2. Ignore the patient's outburst
 - 3. Try to find a solution to the cause of the patient's anger
 - 4. Involve family in problem solving

- a. All of the above
- b. 1, 3 and 4
- c. 2 and 3
- d. 1 and 2

- 4. Identify strategies to help a patient experiencing social isolation
 - 1. Discourage patient from attending activities
 - 2. Include patient in discussions and decisions about their care
 - 3. Introduce some of your own personal social interests
 - 4. Give the stroke survivor a chance to talk about what interests them

- a. All of the above
- b. 2 and 4
- c. 1 and 4
- d. None of the above
- 5. Lack of interest in activities can be experienced by the stroke survivor. What can we do as healthcare providers to help survivors with lack of interest?
 - 1. Reinforce and support any interest the survivor may show
 - 2. Force patient to participate
 - 3. Encourage participation in activities that the stroke survivor can easily perform
 - 4. Use praise and encouragement

- a. All of the above
- b. 1, 3 and 4
- c. 2 and 4
- d. 2, 3 and 4

TRUE/FALSE Questions

(CIRCLE the correct letter)

Т	F	1.	Some stroke survivors will have a major behavioural change
Т	F	2.	Pain is unrelated to anger and aggression
Т	F	3.	Poor self-image can lead to social isolation
Т	F	4.	Poor self-image does not cause low self esteem
Т	F	5.	Personality changes due to stroke can lead to poor social judgments
Т	F	6.	A stroke survivor always recognizes their own physical limitations
Т	F	7.	Unilateral spatial neglect Is the failure to report, respond or orient to sensory stimuli presented to the side contralateral to the lesion
Т	F	8.	Apraxia is defined as a patient being unable to speak
Т	F	9.	Visual neglect refers to decreased awareness of the body and environment on the side affected by the stroke
Т	F	10.	A patient with spatial relation deficit will not have any difficulty climbing stairs or judging where the chair is when they go to sit down
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