

STUDY QUESTIONS for Chapter 36

Be knowledgeable of terminology in this chapter and the cardiac system.

Describe the difference between hemostasis and thrombosis.

What is the purpose of anticoagulants?

How do anticoagulants work?

What are the uses of anticoagulants?

What are the specific uses of parenteral anticoagulants?

When using heparin what are precautions/interventions are used when giving it subcutaneously?

What are the differences between heparin and warfarin?

What are the low molecular weight heparins that are used?

What patients are given LMWHs?

What are antiplatelets?

How do antiplatelets work?

What are the uses of antiplatelets?

What are thrombolytics

What are the actions of thrombolytics?

What are the uses of thrombolytics?

When using the different classifications of these medications what does the nurse need to include in the pre-administration assessment?

When thrombolytics are given the patient would be admitted to what unit and for how long?

What labs need to be monitored when patient is receiving anticoagulants?

What nursing interventions are done when patient with DVT is given anticoagulants?

What are the nursing diagnosis and interventions for a patient on anticoagulant, antiplatelet therapy?

When patient is receiving heparin intravenously what precautions or interventions need to be taken?

When a patient is given a thrombolytic what precautions/interventions need to be done?

When does the physician need to be contacted when taking anticoagulants/antiplatelets?

When a patient is being given thrombolytics what nursing interventions need to be done?

What patient teaching/education needs to be done when patient is taking anticoagulants/antiplatelets?

Drugs to be familiar with: warfarin (Coumadin), Eliquis, Xarelto, heparin, Lovenox, Plavix, alteplase, reteplase

Also know these: phytonadione, protamine