

Chapter 1 Issues and Trends in Pediatric Nursing

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 1. The nurse has provided a presentation to middle school children about nursing as a career. One of the children stated that he wanted to be a pediatric nurse, because he wants to take care of babies and little “kids.” What would be an appropriate response to this middle school-aged child?
1. “Nursing is a general practice; all nurses must know how to take care of all ages of patients.”
 2. “As a pediatric nurse, you would get to care for babies and little kids as well as children through their teenage years.”
 3. “What you are describing is actually a neonatal nurse. Neonatal nurses work with newborn babies, toddlers, and preschool-age children.”
 4. “Being a pediatric nurse requires a master’s degree, so be sure to work hard in school!”
- _____ 2. The medical-surgical float nurse is assigned to the pediatric unit for the first time and states that the skills are “the same as general nursing since children are little adults with smaller bodies.” What component of pediatric nursing contraindicates this statement?
1. Pediatric nursing involves care based on the developmental level of the patient.
 2. Pediatric nursing involves the patient’s family in the plan of care.
 3. Pediatric nursing is based on prevention of infectious diseases.
 4. Pediatric nursing involves cultural sensitivity in patient care.
- _____ 3. The culturally sensitive pediatric nurse is aware of the changes in the racial population of the United States. Which of the following reflects the historical changes in the projected demographics of the U.S. pediatric population in 2020?
1. The American Indian and Alaska Native population will continue to decrease.
 2. Less than half of the children will represent less than half of the population.
 3. The Asian children will reflect no change from 2015 into 2020.
 4. Non-Hispanic children who represent two or more races will increase in 2020.
- _____ 4. The nurse at a family clinic is providing care to an adolescent patient diagnosed with diabetes. The patient has verbalized discomfort with the feelings of isolation when unable to drink alcohol with their friends. Which of the following would be the most appropriate response to this statement?
1. “Drinking alcohol is not only illegal but dangerous for your blood sugar control and overall well-being.”
 2. “You can still drink alcohol, in moderation, if you control the sugar spike with more insulin.”
 3. “Prepare for alcohol intake with more water and less carbohydrates before drinking in order to slow sugar spikes.”
 4. “It is understandable that you want to be included, but perhaps we can work out a plan on how to avoid those situations.”

- _____ 5. Which statement best describes the common core concepts of the different models of pediatric nursing?
1. All models focus on the open communication between the child and nurse.
 2. All models focus on importance of family relationship to the child.
 3. All models focus on safeguarding the child's dignity during care.
 4. All models focus on coordination of care needs that arise during illness.
- _____ 6. Which of the following tasks is associated with the pediatric medical home care model of pediatric nursing?
1. The nurse refers the family to a childhood cancer support group prior to discharge from the hospital.
 2. The nurse includes a simple explanation of the procedure to the child based upon the child's developmental level.
 3. The nurse includes the family's cultural celebrations and observations while providing care to the child.
 4. The nurse develops the plan of care with the child and family as the focal point of the interventions.
- _____ 7. The pediatric nurse begins a research project on 8-year-old patients with the medical diagnosis of pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, PANS. The family has consented to the research, but as the nurse begins to administer the intervention, the patient refuses to cooperate. What is the appropriate response to this refusal?
1. The nurse should discuss with the family the options of performing the intervention without the child's knowledge.
 2. The nurse should explain to the child that this is necessary and promise a reward at the end of the research project.
 3. The nurse should refuse to perform the intervention until the child consents to the intervention and project.
 4. The nurse should discuss the pros and cons of the research project with the child and focus on the outcomes.
- _____ 8. A nurse is providing relationship-based care to a pediatric patient. Which of the following is a challenge the nurse is likely to encounter while using this model of care?
1. Maintaining a sterile field for a procedure with a restless toddler
 2. Communicating with the blended family on regular basis
 3. Treating children with antibiotic-resistant illnesses
 4. Caring for a larger number of children with autism spectrum disorders and childhood depression
- _____ 9. The pediatric nurse desires to expand her career options to become the hospital's nurse educator of pediatrics. Which of the following is necessary for this nurse to achieve this career goal?
1. The nurse must earn a minimum of a master's degree in nursing.
 2. The nurse must earn a minimum of a doctorate degree in nursing.
 3. The nurse must implement and develop research in nursing practice.
 4. The nurse must implement a plan to obtain certification in pediatrics.

- _____ 10. The school nurse is developing a teaching session for the population of children in a middle school. The nurse has determined that the greatest need for the overall health of the children is promotion of healthy foods. Which of the following interventions is most likely to be effective?
1. Remove all unhealthy snacks from the vending machines.
 2. Have a poster contest on healthy eating options.
 3. Survey the student population during lunch breaks.
 4. Engage the students in healthy choices with cooking lessons.
- _____ 11. The nurse recognizes the needs of professional development to provide safe and effective care to the pediatric population by attending which of the following courses?
1. Procedure with rationale to administer HPV vaccines to the middle school population
 2. Study review of the incidence of bullying and intimidation in the elementary school population
 3. Demographic study of the U.S. population with regard to cultural diversity and practices
 4. How to provide individual health care education for the children without parental interference
- _____ 12. Which of the following continuing education courses would best enhance the pediatric nurse's practice in relationship to current trends?
1. Evidence-based practice on improving antibiotic adherence with education to the family unit
 2. Evidence-based practice on proper administration of antibiotics for children with autoimmune diseases
 3. How to enhance communication with children in regards to adherence to antibiotic use
 4. How to decrease instances of exacerbation of infections of children with autoimmune diseases with antibiotics
- _____ 13. The pediatric nurse is developing interventions for a school-aged child based on the nursing diagnosis of *impaired body image related to BMI of 37 and poor food choices as evidenced by patient's mother's food diary for the family and child's statements of food preferences*. Which of the following would be an appropriate nursing intervention?
1. Provide the child and family with information from MyPlate.gov for healthy food options.
 2. Increase the child's activity by incorporating the child's friends into a plan of healthy exercise options.
 3. Explain the importance of balancing diet and exercise to prevent obesity to the child and family.
 4. Provide information on the increased risk for potential disease processes such as diabetes and hypertension.
- _____ 14. The nurse is developing interventions for a transgender adolescent based on the nursing diagnosis *decreased self-esteem related to transgender identity as evidenced by statements of feeling "worthless, different, and alone."* What would be the most appropriate intervention based on the diagnosis?
1. Give positive feedback on personal choices as appropriate.

2. Provide gender-affirming care to transgender youth.
3. Provide information on support groups for patient and family.
4. Assess risk factors for depression and suicidal thoughts.

- _____ 15. The pediatric nurse is providing care to an 8-year-old client who has Down syndrome and wants to ensure he is providing evidence-based care. Which of the following resources would best offer evidence-based practice guidelines related to the care of this patient?
1. *Journal of Specialists in Pediatric Nursing*
 2. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing*
 3. *National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators*
 4. *American Journal of Maternal/Child Nursing*

Multiple Response

Identify one or more choices that best complete the statement or answer the question.

- _____ 16. The nurse must obtain data for a routine assessment of the 8-month-old patient. Which of the following are part of that assessment? *Select all that apply.*
1. Measure the head circumference and record results.
 2. Enter height and weight in the growth chart.
 3. Assess bilateral hand grasp strength and function.
 4. Input the Tanner scale results in the chart.
 5. List most recent immunizations in the chart.
- _____ 17. Which of the following examples accurately represent the unique role of the pediatric nurse? *Select all that apply.*
1. The nurse developed an intervention that correlated with the patient's particular cultural practice.
 2. The nurse shared information on the progress and interventions with the family and patient.
 3. The nurse engaged in one-to-one conversations with the family members as well as the patient.
 4. The nurse requested the family to leave during invasive procedures to maintain privacy.
 5. The nurse developed interventions based on the knowledge of human growth and development.
- _____ 18. The nurse is developing a health fair for children aged 5 and 6 years. Which of the following would be appropriate topics for this population based on current trends? *Select all that apply.*
1. How to deal with bullying on the internet
 2. How to prevent the flu with hand washing
 3. How to choose and eat healthy foods
 4. How to recognize suicidal thoughts
 5. Ways to stay active and stay healthy

- _____ 19. The school nurse is providing care to the student population in the urban elementary school. The nurse notes that the children do not feel safe playing outside during recess due to the recent violent incidents in the surrounding area. What are some disease processes that the nurse may notice due to this inactivity? *Select all that apply.*
1. The general population is at higher risk for obesity.
 2. The students are at higher risk for increased bullying.
 3. The students are at a higher risk for learning disabilities.
 4. The students are at higher risk for diabetes mellitus.
 5. The students are at higher risk for earlier onset of puberty.
- _____ 20. The pediatric nurse is providing care to a 5-year-old patient for speech impediments that were caused by repeated incidences of otitis media. Which of the following is an example of current issues regarding this type of medical problem? *Select all that apply.*
1. Increased admissions based on environmental risk factors, such as smoking
 2. Increased admissions based on knowledge deficits due to language barriers
 3. Increased awareness of childhood health issues from social media and Internet
 4. Shift in the focus of medical care from disease treatment to disease prevention
 5. Deficient knowledge that has negatively impacted the adherence to the antibiotic regimen

**Chapter 1 Issues and Trends in Pediatric Nursing
Answer Section**

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. ANS: 2
 Chapter: Chapter 1 Issues and Trends in Pediatric Nursing
 Chapter Learning Objective: 1. Define pediatric nursing.
 Page: 3
 Heading: Introduction to Pediatric Nursing
 Integrated Processes: Teaching and Learning
 Client Need: Psychosocial Integrity
 Cognitive Level: Application [Applying]
 Concept: Cognition
 Difficulty: Moderate

	Feedback
1	This is incorrect. Nurses can specialize in a number of areas. Pediatrics is one of these areas.
2	This is correct. Pediatric nursing care requires the nurse to use assessment and evaluation tools that are unique to infants, children, and adolescent populations, not just babies and young children.
3	This is incorrect. This is not accurate. Neonatal nurses typically provide care to infants. They would not provide care to toddlers or preschool-age children.
4	This is incorrect. A master's degree is not required to be a pediatric nurse. However, advanced degrees and additional certification are available for pediatric nurses.

- PTS: 1 CON: Cognition
2. ANS: 1
 Chapter: Chapter 1 Issues and Trends in Pediatric Nursing
 Chapter Learning Objective: 6. Describe the roles of the pediatric nurse.
 Page: 3
 Heading: Introduction to Pediatric Nursing > Nursing Care for Children Versus Care for Adults
 Integrated Processes: Nursing Process
 Client Need: Physiological Integrity: Reduction of Risk Potential
 Cognitive Level: Analysis [Analyzing]
 Concept: Safety
 Difficulty: Moderate

	Feedback
1	This is correct. Pediatric nursing involves not only general nursing care and planning but also the developmental level of the patient. The history of pediatric nursing describes how the role has evolved into a specialty.
2	This is incorrect. Although this is a component of pediatric nurses, it does not

	answer the concern regarding the “little adults” comment.
3	This is incorrect. Although this is a component of pediatric nurses, it does not answer the concern regarding the “little adults” comment.
4	This is incorrect. Although this is a component of pediatric nurses, it does not answer the concern regarding the “little adults” comment.

PTS: 1 CON: Safety

3. ANS: 2

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Chapter Learning Objective: 4. Describe the projected racial population changes in the United States.

Page: 5

Heading: Racial Makeup of American Children

Integrated Processes: Nursing Process

Client Need: Health Promotion and Maintenance

Cognitive Level: Application [Applying]

Concept: Culture

Difficulty: Moderate

	Feedback
1	This is incorrect. Although this is projected to occur, it is not of historical significance.
2	This is correct. This will be the first time in history that less than 50% of the children aged 0 to 17 will be white non-Hispanic.
3	This is incorrect. Although this is projected to occur, it is not of historical significance.
4	This is incorrect. Although this is projected to occur, it is not of historical significance.

PTS: 1 CON: Culture

4. ANS: 4

Chapter: Chapter 1 Issues and Trends in Pediatric Nursing

Chapter Learning Objective: 3. Describe the differences between nursing care of infants, children, and adolescents and care of the adult population.

Page: 5

Heading: Role of the Pediatric Nurse

Integrated Processes: Communication and Documentation

Client Need: Physiological Integrity: Reduction of Risk Potential

Cognitive Level: Application [Applying]

Concept: Safety; Self

Difficulty: Moderate

	Feedback
1	This is incorrect. This is not a solution to the patient’s issues. The patient reports feeling left out due to the disease process. This does not address the issue in a

	developmentally appropriate manner to promote the optimal physical, psychological, and social well-being.
2	This is incorrect. This encourages unsafe health habits and does not address the issue with the disease process and the adolescent's need for inclusion.
3	This is incorrect. This is not therapeutic communication, nor is it safe for the adolescent. It does not care in a developmentally appropriate manner to promote the optimal physical, psychological, and social well-being of the adolescent.
4	This is correct. Helping the adolescent develop anticipatory guidance facilitates independence and healthy responses to peer pressure.

PTS: 1 CON: Safety | Self

5. ANS: 2

Chapter: Chapter 1 Issues and Trends in Pediatric Nursing

Chapter Learning Objective: 5. Identify models of care applied to pediatric nursing.

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Heading: Models of Care in Pediatric Nursing

Integrated Processes: Teaching and Learning

Client Need: Physiological Integrity: Physiological Adaptation

Cognitive Level: Analysis [Analyzing]

Concept: Patient-Centered Care

Difficulty: Moderate

Feedback	
1	This is incorrect. This omits the necessity of family relationships in the care and development of the child.
2	This is correct. This is a common core concept in family-centered care, relationship-based care, and pediatric medical home care.
3	This is incorrect. This is a concept based on patient relationship-based care.
4	This is incorrect. This is a component of pediatric medical home care.

PTS: 1 CON: Patient-Centered Care

6. ANS: 1

Chapter: Chapter 1 Issues and Trends in Pediatric Nursing

Chapter Learning Objective: 5. Identify models of care applied to pediatric nursing.

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Heading: Models of Care in Pediatric Nursing > Pediatric Medical Home

Integrated Processes: Teaching and Learning

Client Need: Physiological Integrity: Physiological Adaptation

Cognitive Level: Application [Applying]

Concept: Family Dynamics

Difficulty: Moderate

Feedback	
1	This is correct. The pediatric medical home care model coordinates care and includes referrals for community services for nonmedical needs.

2	This is incorrect. This is a core concept of relationship-based care.
3	This is incorrect. This is a core concept of cultural sensitivity and family-centered care.
4	This is incorrect. This is a core concept of relationship-based care.

PTS: 1 CON: Family Dynamics

7. ANS: 3

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Chapter Learning Objective: 6. Describe the roles of the pediatric nurse; 8. identify current issues and trends in pediatric nursing practice, education, and research.

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Heading: Issues in Pediatric Nursing

Integrated Processes: Nursing Process

Client Need: Physiological Integrity: Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies

Cognitive Level: Analysis [Analyzing]

Concept: Communication, Legal

Difficulty: Moderate

	Feedback
1	This is incorrect. This could be considered assault and battery against the child. Children aged 7 years and older can assent or dissent to be in a clinical trial.
2	This is incorrect. This would be considered bribery, and per the IRB guidelines, a clinical trial should not promise any direct rewards.
3	This is correct. Children aged 7 years and older can assent or dissent to be in a clinical trial.
4	This is incorrect. The 8-year-old child may not have the faculties or cognitive development to comprehend “pros and cons” of a research project.

PTS: 1 CON: Communication | Legal

8. ANS: 2

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Chapter Learning Objective: 8. Identify current issues and trends in pediatric nursing practice, education, and research.

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Heading: Issues in Pediatric Nursing

Integrated Processes: Nursing Process

Client Need: Safe and Effective Care Environment

Cognitive Level: Analysis [Analyzing]

Concept: Patient-Centered Care

Difficulty: Moderate

	Feedback
1	This is incorrect. This is a fundamental issue in nursing care, not a relationship issue.
2	This is correct. Maintaining communication with families and caregivers has

	become more challenging due to the dynamics of current families.
3	This is incorrect. There has been an increase in the number of antibiotic-resistant illnesses. This is a trend that has influenced nursing roles and responsibilities, not relationship-based care.
4	This is incorrect. This is a trend that has influenced nursing roles and responsibilities, not relationship-based care.

PTS: 1 CON: Patient-Centered Care

9. ANS: 1

Chapter: Chapter 1 Issues and Trends in Pediatric Nursing

Chapter Learning Objective: 7. Identify the different fields of pediatric nursing and the education required for each.

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Heading: Role of the Pediatric Nurse > Where Pediatric Nurses Work

Integrated Processes: Nursing Process

Client Need: Physiological Integrity

Cognitive Level: Comprehension [Understanding]

Concept: Professionalism

Difficulty: Moderate

	Feedback
1	This is correct. Pediatric nurses with master's degree preparation are often employed as nurse educators. Many academic settings require nursing instructors to have a nursing doctorate or be actively working to obtain a doctorate.
2	This is incorrect. Pediatric nurses with master's degree preparation are often employed as nurse educators. Many academic settings require nursing instructors to have a nursing doctorate or be actively working to obtain a doctorate. (Keyword: minimum)
3	This is incorrect. Although nurses with doctorates may develop and implement research programs for hospitals, this is not necessary to obtain this position.
4	This is incorrect. Although nurses may obtain certification in pediatrics, it is often not the minimum requirement for nurse educator.

PTS: 1 CON: Professionalism

10. ANS: 4

Chapter: Chapter 1 Issues and Trends in Pediatric Nursing

Chapter Learning Objective: 8. Identify current issues and trends in pediatric nursing practice, education, and research.

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Heading: Trends in Pediatric Nursing Practice > Obesity

Integrated Processes: Nursing Process

Client Need: Physiological Integrity: Reduction of Risk Potential

Cognitive Level: Analysis [Analyzing]

Concept: Health Promotion

Difficulty: Moderate