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Physical Evaluation: Test 1

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Please answer the following short-answer essay questions in a concise, legible manner.

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1. We have talked quite a lot about detail in observing, inspecting, palpating oral head and neck structures and documenting information in the dental chart. Why are the details important? 5 pts

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Details are important in order to catch any problems the patient may not be aware of, and to document the fact that you followed standard of care in case of an emergency. Vague information won't help you in building a patient history.

2. What is the value of having a course in physical evaluation? 5 pts

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The course helps us to avoid common pitfalls in documentation and information analysis, as well as us how to interpret signs + symptoms exhibited by patients. This is also the first time I actually learned what PHTEN stands for.

3. If you have a patient who you suspect might be unable to provide informed consent, what will you do? 5 pts

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The one thing I do is have them go ahead and sign anyway. You must find a legal guardian, power-of-attorney, or legal representative to give approval for the work to be done. These may be self-appointed (power-of-attorney) or court ordered (legal representative) and may have full or partial ability to make decisions for the patient.

4. How will you assure that you have informed consent for a dental procedure? In other words, what criteria must be satisfied? 10 pts.

There are two key words: informed and consent. First, the patient must be informed of alternating treatments and the relative risks of each. They must understand the expected outcome of each treatment and decide which is best for them. Each patient will use their own criteria (cost, restoration life expectancy, aesthetics, etc...). Second, they or a legal representative must consent to the treatment, showing that they understand the risks involved and accept them. Most importantly, the person must be mentally able to make the decision.

5. Please cite an example from a patient's medical history that would require you to a.) have knowledge of and b.) take action(s) in regards to their condition in order to provide safe, efficacious dental care. Please list 1. what you need to know and 2. what you would do in order to provide dental care. Lastly, 3. tell why you recommend the course of action. 10 pts.

History of previous case of Infective endocarditis

1. You need to know the circumstances of the infection, how it was controlled, and what is being done currently. You must also know of any drug allergies or other complications like drug reactions with other prescriptions they're taking

2. Antibiotic prophylaxis must be administered. Standard for an adult is 2g Amoxicillin orally 1 hr before treatment or 2g Ampicillin by IM or IV $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before treatment.

3. In the case of no penicillin allergy, I recommend this course of action because invasive procedures will be performed allowing bacteria to enter the blood stream. Ab prophylaxis will prevent them from colonizing on the heart \rightarrow causing IE