

ICU

1. Describe the purpose of mechanical ventilation.
2. Draw and label the components of the respiratory system.
3. Differentiate between an endotracheal tube and a tracheostomy tube.
4. Why are patients turned and positioned every two hours in ICU?
5. What factors are considered when determining an appropriate IV site?
6. What factors are considered when determining the correct IV catheter gauge?
7. Chart the most commonly used veins for IV therapy; describe their location and the recommended gauge catheters.
8. List two reasons for enteral nutrition.
9. Describe the psychological needs of the ventilator patient.
10. Describe the cause of decubiti, the stages of a pressure ulcer, and the steps taken to prevent skin breakdown.
11. Why should the urinary drainage bag be kept lower than the bladder?