

Surgical

1. Define the following terms:
dehiscence
evisceration
atelectasis
2. Differentiate between a thrombus and an embolus.
3. Describe the difference between local, regional, spinal and general anesthesia.
4. List the common fears and concerns of surgical patients.
5. Describe the benefits of turn/cough/deep breathe to a surgical patient.
6. Explain why a patient is NPO after midnight.
7. What is the purpose of preoperative medication?
8. Describe the schedule for taking vital signs postoperatively.
9. Why are elastic stockings often ordered for postoperative patients?
10. Describe the benefits of early ambulation.
11. Why are postoperative patient's meals ordered from NPO to clear liquids, to full liquids, to light diet, to a regular diet?
12. What are the effects of anesthesia on normal elimination?
13. What is the purpose of a cleansing enema?
14. What is the usual purpose of postoperative medication?
15. Describe the purpose of skin prep preoperatively.