Nursing Care Plan for Cardiac Arrest PDF

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ASSESSMENT	NURSING DIAGNOSIS	EXPECTED	INTERVENTION / PLANNING	IMPLEMENTATION	RATIONAL	EVALUATION
Subjective Data: - Family reports that the patient collapsed suddenly and became unresponsive. - No prior complaints before collapse.	Decreased Cardiac Output: Related to lack of myocardial contraction as evidenced by absence of pulse, unresponsiveness, and cyanosis.	Restore cardiac output and achieve return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) within 5 minutes of initiating CPR. - Maintain systolic BP ≥ 90 mmHg post- resuscitation.	Initiate Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). - Perform early defibrillation if in a shockable rhythm (VF/VT). - Administer emergency	 Perform high- quality chest compressions at 100-120/min. Deliver defibrillation shocks if indicated. Administer IV epinephrine every 3-5 minutes. 	- Immediate CPR and defibrillation improve survival rates and increase the chance of ROSC. - Epinephrine increases coronary and cerebral	 ROSC achieved within 5 minutes. ECG shows sinus rhythm. BP stabilized at 100/70 mmHg with inotropic support. Oxygen saturation improved to
 Objective Data: Patient is unresponsive, no pulse, no respiration. ECG shows ventricular fibrillation. Cvanosis present 		- Oxygen saturation > 95% on mechanical ventilation.	medications (epinephrine, amiodarone, lidocaine) per ACLS protocol. - Establish IV/IO access for medication administration.	- Secure the airway via endotracheal intubation or bag- mask ventilation.	perfusion pressure. - Airway management ensures oxygenation and prevents hypoxia.	96% on ventilator support.
- Oxygen saturation: 0%. Subjective Data: - Patient is	Ineffective Tissue Perfusion (Cerebral and Cardiac)	- Improve cerebral perfusion and	- Initiate targeted temperature	- Apply cooling measures (cooling	- Therapeutic hypothermia reduces brain	- MAP stabilized at 70 mmHg with norepinephrine.

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unconscious but has a pulse after ROSC. - Family is anxious and concerned about the patient's prognosis. Objective Data: - Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) = 6. - BP 88/60 mmHg, HR 120 bpm, SpO ₂ 92%. - Blood gases: pH 7.28, PaCO ₂ 50 mmHg, lactate 5 mmol/L.	related to post- cardiac arrest syndrome as evidenced by low BP, high lactate levels, and reduced consciousness.	prevent hypoxic brain injury. - Maintain mean arterial pressure (MAP) > 65 mmHg. - Ensure adequate oxygenation and ventilation (PaO ₂ 80-100 mmHg).	management (TTM) (32-36°C for 24 hours). - Optimize hemodynamics with IV fluids and vasopressors (norepinephrin e, dopamine). - Monitor neurological function every 1-2 hours.	blankets, IV cold saline). - Titrate IV norepinephrine to maintain MAP ≥ 65 mmHg. - Regularly assess GCS, pupil response, and brainstem reflexes.	injury and improves survival with good neurological function. - Vasopressors help restore adequate blood flow to the brain and heart. - Frequent neurological monitoring detects early signs of deterioration.	- GCS improved to 10 after 24 hours. - PaO₂ maintained at 90 mmHg with controlled ventilation.
Subjective Data: - Patient regains consciousness and responds to verbal stimuli. - Complains of fatigue and muscle soreness. - Family expresses concern about future cardiac events. Objective Data: - BP 110/70 mmHg. HR 80	Knowledge Deficit related to post-cardiac arrest care and prevention of recurrent events.	 Ensure the patient and family understand cardiac rehabilitation and lifestyle modifications. Educate on medication adherence and risk factor management. 	 Explain the cause of cardiac arrest and its prevention. Educate on prescribed medications (beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, anticoagulants). Refer to a cardiac rehabilitation program. 	 Provide written materials on diet, exercise, and smoking cessation. Schedule a follow-up with a cardiologist. Instruct on symptom recognition (chest pain, dizziness, palpitations). 	 Patient education reduces the risk of recurrence and improves adherence to lifestyle changes. Cardiac rehab enhances recovery and strengthens the heart. Recognizing symptoms early prevents future cardiac arrests. 	 Patient verbalizes understanding of risk factors and medication adherence. Family demonstrates proper BP monitoring at home. Follow-up appointment scheduled within 1 week.

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- Normal sinus			
rhythm on ECG.			
- Normal arterial			
blood gases.			