Abuse, Neglect, & Violence Test

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1. SCENARIO:

Six-year-old Johnny is brought into the hospital for a fractured arm. During the physical assessment, the RN notices bruising on Johnny's arms, back, buttocks and legs in varying degrees of color. Johnny is very shy and seems to shrink away when hospital staff approach him. He constantly looks to his parents when he is asked questions. He seems frightened of his father whenever his father approaches him and cries when it is time to go home. Johnny's father is jovial and laughingly tells the RN how stupid and clumsy his son is and that he has always been this way.

What type of abuse or neglect should the RN consider at this point?
   a) Neglect
   b) Physical abuse
   c) No abuse... Johnny is a six-year-old growing boy and probably does fall a lot and that is the reason for the bruising
   d) Sexual abuse

2. A Chinese preschool-aged female child is in the hospital being treated. Which of the following injuries should be questioned further for possible child maltreatment/abuse?
   a) A bruise to her forehead
   b) Bruises found on her genitals
   c) Multiple cuts and bruises in various stages of healing to her knees
   d) Multiple circular burn marks on her back

3. From the choices below, select the best screening question to ask a victim of domestic violence.
   a) “I can tell that you are being abused. You need to get some help and get out of your house now.”
   b) “You keep coming here to the hospital time after time and you won't get away from your husband. Why do you keep letting him hit you? We all know that you're being hit by your husband.”
   c) “I don’t know if this is a problem for you, but many of the women I see as patients are dealing with abusive relationships. Some are too afraid or uncomfortable to bring it up themselves, so I've started asking about it routinely. Are you in a relationship now with a person who physically hurts or threatens you?”
   d) “I am going to notify Social Services with or without your approval!”

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4. SCENARIO:

A 33-year-old woman named Rose is a patient in the Emergency Department. Rose has fallen down the stairs and seems to have a sprained hand. Her husband is very emotional, asking the RNs many questions and being very demanding. Rose's husband answers questions for Rose even when questions are being asked directly to Rose. When Rose needs to use the restroom, her husband won't allow a staff person to go with her and insists on going with her himself. The ED RN suspects that Rose may be a potential victim of domestic violence.

What could the RN's next step be to obtain the history from Rose in her own words?

a) Call Security to have Rose's husband escorted to the waiting area
b) Tell Rose's husband that she would like for Rose to answer her own questions without input from him but he may stay in the room
c) Explain that Rose needs to go to Radiology and that a family member is not allowed to go with her at this time, then talk with Rose in private in another area of the hospital
d) Go against her gut instinct and document the husband's comments about the accident and Rose's injuries

5. Hoarding, inability to attend to housekeeping, confusion, failure to take meds or refusal to seek medical treatment for serious illness, and not wearing clothes suitable for weather are all signs of:

a) Self-neglect
b) Emotional abuse
c) Sexual abuse
d) Physical abuse

6. SCENARIO:

Seventy-five year old Mrs. Smith is brought into the hospital for dehydration. During the physical assessment, the RN notices bruising on her arms, back, buttocks and legs in varying degrees of color. The RN also finds that Mrs. Smith has a deep bedsore on her buttocks and fecal matter on her skin. Mrs. Smith is very quiet and seems to shrink away when the hospital staff approaches her. She seems hesitant to answer the staff's questions. Mrs. Smith is incontinent and soils the bed before they can get her a bedpan. Her daughter belittles her and tells her that she's just like a baby. She seems very angry with Mrs. Smith.

What type of abuse or neglect should the RN consider at this point:

a) Neglect and physical abuse
b) Abandonment
c) Financial exploitation
d) Sexual abuse

7. An 80 year old female patient confides in you that she is “afraid” of the nurse who was assigned to her on the previous shift because she felt that the nurse was “mean and threatening” to her. What notification obligation do you have?

a) Notify the Director of nursing for your department upon the discovery of the alleged abuse
b) If unable to speak directly to the director of nursing for your department, the senior vice president of Patient Care Services must be contacted to discuss the situation and the need to report the incident to the DHMH within 24 hours
c) Notify FMH Front Desk within 24 hours
d) Only A and B