

## Alternate questions for NCLEX 2022 per NCSBN Fall 2018 update

- Highlight the findings in the current column that are essential to follow up/report in yellow.
- Highlight the findings that are abnormal but do not require urgent follow up in green.
- **Scenario:** The nurse provides care to a client with chronic renal failure who was admitted with pneumonia 3 days ago and has a history of anemia. The client's findings are listed. The client is on subcutaneous heparin, intravenous piperacillin/tazobactam (Zosyn), and intravenous methylprednisolone sodium succinate (Solumedrol). Which findings require the nurse to follow up?

Findings	Current	8 hours ago	24 hours ago	Explain your choices
Blood pressure	140/88	148/86	154/90	
Pulse	92	88	64	
Respirations	28	24	22	
Oral temperature	103.8 F	101.1 F	100.8 F	
Hemoglobin	7.3	9.3	10.3	
Hematocrit	22	28	31	
Platelet count	74,000	105,000	155,000	
Prothrombin time	11 seconds	11.5 seconds	11 seconds	
Partial thromboplastin time	42 seconds	40 seconds	40 seconds	
Serum potassium	6.1 mEq/L	3.5 mEq/L	4.8 mEq/L	
Serum sodium	136	142	138	
Blood ureanitrogen	62	31	22	
Serum creatinine	3.9	2.1	1.1	
Arterial pH	7.25		7.36	
Arterial CO <sub>2</sub>	37		35	
Arterial O <sub>2</sub>	94		90	
Arterial bicarbonate	18		24	
Weight	212	210	204	
Urine output (24 hours)	750		4200	
Total intake (24 hours)	750			
Edema	3+	3+	3+	
Breath sounds	Diminished bases	Wheezes throughout	Wheezes throughout	
Heart sounds	S3, S2, S1	S2, S1	S2, S1	

■ **Scenario:** A client develops acute renal failure following sepsis secondary to pneumonia. The client is on a Venturi mask delivering 35%, has received a bronchodilator, and is receiving 0.9% sodium chloride at 30 mL/hour with IV furosemide 60 mg every 6 hours. The client is agitated, coughing, diaphoretic, and attempting to sit forward in the bed. Which actions does the nurse take?

- **Indicated:** an action the nurse takes to resolve the problem
- **Non-essential:** an action the nurse takes that will not result in harm, but does not address the problem directly
- **Contraindicated:** an action that could harm the client

Action	Indicated	Non-essential	Contraindicated
Perform endotracheal suctioning			
Assess the oxygen saturation			
Request a chest x-ray			
Check the tubing connections			
Turn the client to the right side			
Request a PRN bronchodilator			
Check the blood glucose level			
Auscultate breath sounds			

Match the potential actions to the conditions listed.

Potential action to take	Condition	Best initial action to take
Assess that catheter is working	Post-nephrectomy with pain 8/10 and resp. rate 8 breaths/min	
Assess oxygen saturation	Post-TURP with intermittent pain 9/10 and restlessness	
Request a KUB x-ray	UTI, chills/rigors, and Temp 102.4 F	
Evaluate the renal lab results	Acute renal failure secondary to overdose with cough syrup	
Begin IV fluids at a rapid rate	An abnormal random urine sample with hypertension noted	
Request blood cultures	Flank pain 10/10, nausea, frequent need to urinate	