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| 1 | A&P | Abdominal quadrants - organs in each: RU (Liver), LU (Stomach, Spleen), RL (Appendix) |
| 2 | A&P | Spinal column -- names of sections and number of vertebrae in each (Cervical - 7, Thoracic - 12, Lumbar - 5, Sacral - 5, Coccygeal - 4) |
| 3 | A&P | Sections of brain: skull, cranium, unique parts of infant head: Fontanel. Sunken: (hypovolemic) shock. Bulging: Intracranial pressure. |
| 4 | A&P | Flexion vs. extension |
| 5 | A&P | Supine vs. prone |
| 6 | A&P | Proximal vs. Distal and examples: Knee is proximal to ankle; wrist is distal to elbow. |
| 7 | A&P | Tendons/Ligaments/Muscles/Cartilage/Joint - functions of each |
| 8 | A&P | A&P of respiratory system: Mouth, nose, oropharynx, nasopharynx, epiglottis, trachea, bronchi (3 on right, 2 on left), bronchioles, alveoli, diaphragm. |
| 9 | A&P | A&P of heart: Mechanical: Atria, ventricles, tricuspid valve, mitral valves. Electrical: SA node, AV node, Bundle of HIS, Bundle Branches, Purkinje fibers. |
| 10 | A&P | A&P of circulatory system (Veins, arteries, capillaries, one way valves...) |
| 11 | A&P | Pulmonary Vein & Pulmonary artery - what's unique? |
| 12 | A&P | Anterior/Posterior/Superior/Inferior |
| 13 | A&P | Volume of blood in the typical adult - in pints and quarts/liters: 10-12 pints; 5-6 quarts/liters. |
| 14 | A&P | Three main components of blood and their main function: Red (erythrocytes) - carries O₂; White (Leukocytes) - fights infection; Platelets - promotes clotting. |
| 15 | A&P | Central Nervous System vs. Peripheral Nervous System: Central: Brain & spinal cord; Peripheral: everything else. |
| 16 | A&P | Visceral vs. Parietal "membranes" (e.g. pleura, peritoneum...): Visceral covers organs; Parietal covers the cavity containing the organs. |
| 17 | A&P | 3 Main parts of brain (Cerebrum, Cerebellum, Medulla - Brainstem): |
| 18 | A&P | 3 layers ("membranes") covering the brain?: Meninges (Dura Mater, Pia Mater, Arachnoid) |
| 19 | Anaphylaxis | Anaphylaxis - signs, treatment with EpiPen autoinjector: SOB, tachycardia, hypotension, (Periorbital edema, hives) |
| 20 | Anaphylaxis | Anaphylaxis - what body systems are affected? Respiratory, cardiovascular, skin, (GI) |
| 21 | Anaphylaxis | EpiPen administration - procedure? |

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| 22 | Anaphylaxis | What is the action of epinephrine on the respiratory system? Reduce swelling and dilates the airway components |
| 23 | Anaphylaxis | What is the action of epinephrine on the cardiovascular system? Constricts the arterioles and arteries - Increases BP. |
| 24 | Anaphylaxis | Side effects of epinephrine? Death, agitation, tachycardia |
| 25 | Burns | Burns: Degrees, Treatment by degree, Rule of Nines - adult vs. pediatric, Thermal/Electrical/Chemical and treatments |
| 26 | Cardiac | Nitroglycerin action: Dilates coronary arteries. |
| 27 | Cardiac | What is the first drug we use for a patient with cardiac related chest pain? Oxygen - YES it is a drug. |
| 28 | Cardiac | Ischemia vs. Infarction: Ischemia - temporary and reversible effects on tissue due to hypoxia; infarction: Permanent death of tissues. |
| 29 | Cardiac | Controllable vs. Uncontrollable AMI risks |
| 30 | Cardiac | Angina vs. AMI - definition and treatment: |
| 31 | Cardiac | Most common cause of death early post-AMI? Arrhythmias (VFIB, VTACH) |
| 32 | Cardiac | Signs of pulmonary edema - treatment options: Severe SOB especially when lying down; tachycardia, tachypnea, cool, pale, diaphoretic skin. Treatment: Sit up straight, legs off the side of bed, O2 (NRB or BVM), ALS, Rapid Transport. |
| 33 | Cardiac | Pedal edema - treatment? None in the prehospital phase. Controlled with diuretics like Lasix/Bumex. |
| 34 | Cardiac | Two heart rhythm names that an AED will recommend a shock? Ventricular Fibrillation, Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia |
| 35 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | CPR Rates: At least 100/minute |
| 36 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | CPR Ratios compressions to breaths by age: One person: All ages: 30:2. Two person: Adult: 30:2; Child/Infant: 15:2 |
| 37 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | CPR depths: Adult: At least 2"; Child: At least 1/3 of the chest depth; approximately 2"; infants: At least 1/3 of the chest depth; approximately 1.5". |
| 38 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Choking treatment conscious: Abdominal thrusts (Heimlich); Except in infants (chest thrusts/back blows). "Pop until they drop". |
| 39 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Choking treatment unconscious: CPR. Check every 2 minutes if FB is seen; attempt to sweep out; attempt ventilation if removed; continue CPR. |
| 40 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Suction - procedure; maximum time to suction: Suction only when removing catheter; No more than 15 seconds; only suction as far as you can see. |
| 41 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | NPA Contraindications: Suspected head injury (based on MOI or seeing CSF leaking from nose or ears). |

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| 42 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Stimulus to breath - normal person vs. COPD: Normal: Excess CO₂ in blood detected by brain; COPD: Hypoxia detected by brain. |
| 43 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Oxygen delivery devices - free flow vs. positive pressure: Free flow: Nasal Cannula, nonrebreather, Venturi mask. Positive Pressure: BVM, Pocket Mask. |
| 44 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Types of airway adjuncts (OPA, NPA , Suction) procedures for use and sizing OPA/NPA |
| 45 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Patient with OPA gags - procedure?: Remove it and do not try again (try an NPA). |
| 46 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Safe Residual pressure of an oxygen tank (200PSI) |
| 47 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | PISS: Pin Index Safety System |
| 48 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Percentage of oxygen in room air? (and therefore, what % of O ₂ does a patient being "bagged" with no O ₂ attached receive?): 21% |
| 49 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Percentage of oxygen in exhaled air? (and therefore, what % of O ₂ does a patient being ventilated with a pocket mask with no O ₂ attached receive?): 16% |
| 50 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Dyspniac patient is losing consciousness - treatment?: Assure open airway; BVM |
| 51 | CPR/Airway/Breathing | Two scenarios where you must do CPR compressions on a live person?: Newborn resuscitation; Infant/Child with HR<60. |
| 52 | Diabetes/AMS | Glucose & Energy - alternative fuel source: Fat |
| 53 | Diabetes/AMS | Hypoglycemia - definition, signs: Low Blood Sugar; AMS, agitation, seizures, tremors, stroke-like symptoms. |
| 54 | Diabetes/AMS | Types of diabetic emergencies - basic causes: Hyperglycemia (high blood sugar) - eats too much and does not take insulin..., Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) - Takes insulin and does not eat enough; excessive exercise; vomits a meal.... |
| 55 | Diabetes/AMS | Diabetes - 2 types: Type I: Insulin Dependent (Juvenile onset); Type II: Non-Insulin Dependent (Adult onset). |
| 56 | Diabetes/AMS | Hypoglycemia - causes, most reliable sign, assessment, treatment: AMS. Need sugar. If they can protect their own airway (they can hold the cup of soda and drink themselves). ALS, transport. |
| 57 | Diabetes/AMS | Hypoglycemic patient who cannot hold and drink a source of sugar on their own - treatment?: ABCs and rapid transport (ALS) |
| 58 | Diabetes/AMS | Altered Mental Status ("AMS") - causes?: Hypoxia, hypoglycemia, seizures, fever (especially in elderly), stroke, shock... |
| 59 | Environmental | Hypothermia stages |
| 60 | Environmental | Dehydration - signs/treatment: Signs of hypovolemic shock; If due to heat - remove from heat source; O₂, ALS, Transport. |
| 61 | Environmental | Hypothermia patient - how long to check for a pulse: Up to 45 seconds. |

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| 62 | Environmental | Heat exhaustion vs. heat stroke - distinguishing signs/treatment: Wet skin vs. Dry skin: The change can happen suddenly and may be subtle. Remove from heat source; treat for shock PRN; ALS, rapid transport; For heat stroke - active cooling with AC. |
| 63 | Medical-Legal | Expressed Consent: Consent given by mentally competent, conscious adult. |
| 64 | Medical-Legal | Implied consent - typical example: Unconscious patient. |
| 65 | Medical-Legal | Children and consent - who can consent? What is done in a life-threatening emergency?: Only parent or court appointed guardian can give consent. Life saving treatment can be done until stable or parent arrives. |
| 66 | Medical-Legal | Negligence - definition: Failure to act as properly as another similarly trained EMT would be expected to act. |
| 67 | Medical-Legal | Negligence - what 3 items must be demonstrated to prove negligence?: Had duty to act; breach of duty; proximal cause. |
| 68 | Medical-Legal | Which EMT has the duty to act?: Paid EMT, on-duty, dispatched to a call. |
| 69 | Medical-Legal | Abandonment: Leaving a patient in the care of someone with a lower level of training than yourself. |
| 70 | Medical-Legal | Good Samaritan Law |
| 71 | Medical-Legal | What law gives the EMT the right to Act? (Article 30 of the Public Health Law - used to be a state exam favorite). |
| 72 | Neurological | Seizures - definition of aura; types; causes; treatments: Causes: Idiopathic, toxins, tumors, infection, trauma, metabolic, hypoxia, hypoglycemia. Treatment is aimed at preventing injury; protecting the airway and rapid transport. ALS. |
| 73 | Neurological | Most common cause of pediatric seizures: Fever ("Febrile seizures") |
| 74 | Neurological | Autonomic Nervous System: Controls "automatic" body functions like breathing, heartbeat, digestion... |
| 75 | Neurological | Sympathetic vs. Parasympathetic nervous system: Sympathetic - generally speeds up critical body functions like HR, RR, increases BP, "flight and fright" nervous system. Parasympathetic - generally slows down critical body functions like HR. Promotes digestion. "Feed and Breed" nervous system. |
| 76 | Neurological | Stroke ("CVA"): two types; typical signs; TIA vs. CVA; treatment: Thrombotic vs. hemorrhagic. S/S: Garbled speech, one-sided paralysis, vision changes, AMS, unequal pupils, seizures... |
| 77 | Neurological | Seizures: Types; typical causes; treatment: Simple Partial/Complex Partial/Absence/Tonic-Clonic. |
| 78 | Neurological | "Tonic-Clonic" seizure: Phases and what such a patient will exhibit by phase?: Aura, Stiffening (30 seconds), violent shaking (3-5 minutes), "post-ictal (generally sleepy or sleeping). |
| 79 | OB/Gyn | Eclampsia/Pre-eclampsia |
| 80 | OB/Gyn | Crowning - definition: Head visible in the vaginal opening - typically the size of a half-dollar. |

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| 81 | OB/Gyn | Normal blood loss during delivery: 500ml (same as 500cc or 1/2 liter) |
| 82 | OB/Gyn | Anatomy involved in pregnancy: (Fallopian tubes, Uterus, placenta) birth: (Uterus, placenta, birth canal). |
| 83 | OB/Gyn | Pre-delivery OB emergencies - name and treatment: Ectopic Pregnancy, Pre-eclampsia, eclampsia, supine hypotensive syndrome, abruptio placenta, placenta previa). |
| 85 | OB/Gyn | During delivery OB - emergencies - name and treatment: Breech, multiple births, prolapsed cord. |
| 86 | OB/Gyn | Female in child-bearing years with abdominal pain is assumed to have ----- until proven otherwise? Ectopic Pregnancy. |
| 87 | OB/Gyn | Three stages of labor?: One: Ends with full cervical dilation. Two: Ends with delivery. Three: Ends with delivery of the placenta. |
| 88 | OB/Gyn | Average time from onset of labor to delivery for a first delivery?: 16 hours. |
| 89 | OB/Gyn | Umbilical cord around the neck loosely - treatment?: Carefully slip it over the head. |
| 90 | OB/Gyn | Umbilical cord around the neck tightly - treatment?: Clamp the cord in 2 places and cut in-between. (Do you have sufficient equipment to do the indicated treatment?) |
| 91 | OB/Gyn | Newborn airway suctioning - order?: Mouth and then nose. |
| 92 | OB/Gyn | Newborn delivered and not breathing - EMT tasks in order stimulate/suction/OPA & BVM/Compressions performing each task for 30 seconds before moving to next intervention. |
| 93 | Patient Assessment | AVPU: Alert. Responsive to verbal; pain. Unresponsive. |
| 94 | Patient Assessment | OPQRST: Onset, Provokes/Palliates, Quality of pain, Radiation, Severity, Time. Some add an "I" at the end - for Interventions attempted. |
| 95 | Patient Assessment | SAMPLE: Signs/Symptoms, Allergies, Medications (including OTC), Prior and pertinent medical history, Last oral intake, events leading to... |
| 96 | Patient Assessment | DCAPBTLS: Deformities, Contusions, Abrasions, Punctures, Burns, Tenderness, Lacerations, Swelling. |
| 97 | Patient Assessment | Best early indicator of overall patient condition: Mental Status |
| 98 | Patient Assessment | Patient Assessment - trauma and medical - steps |
| 99 | Patient Assessment | BSI/PPE |
| 100 | Patient Assessment | Abdominal pain - positioning: Supine with knees flexed. |
| 101 | Patient Assessment | Auscultation - definition - favorite exam question: Listening |
| 102 | Patient Assessment | Capillary refill time - normal vs. abnormal: Normal is under 2 seconds |

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| 103 | Patient Assessment | Abnormal respiratory sounds: Stridor (upper airway obstruction), wheezing (asthma/COPD), Rales (APE), Rhonchi (Infection: Bronchitis, Pneumonia). |
| 104 | Patient Assessment | Hazmat incident - EMT should always be uphill and upwind; favorite state exam question! |
| 105 | Patient Assessment | Tachycardia vs. Bradycardia - definition: HR too fast/HR too slow |
| 106 | Patient Assessment | Tachypnea vs. Bradypnea - definition: RR too fast/RR too slow |
| 107 | Patient Assessment | Normal adult heart rate/respiration rate: HR: 60-100; RR: 12-20 |
| 108 | Patient Assessment | Normal <i>range</i> of pediatric heart rate/respiration rate (from birth to adulthood): HR: starts at birth at 150-160 and approaches 60-100 progressively through childhood to adulthood. RR: starts at birth at 50-16 and approaches 12-20 progressively through childhood to adulthood. |
| 109 | Patient Assessment | Skin condition measures ("CTC"): Color, Temperature, Condition |
| 110 | Patient Assessment | Abnormal skin conditions: Diaphoretic, moist, dry |
| 111 | Patient Assessment | Pupillary responses - normal and abnormal: Constricts in bright light; dilates in dim light. |
| 112 | Patient Assessment | Pupillary response - narcotics OD patient?: Constricted pupils |
| 113 | Patient Assessment | Pupillary response - shock patient?: Dilated pupils - this is a "flight & fright" reaction. |
| 114 | Patient Assessment | Cyanosis - definition and what is it a sign of? Early or late sign of this condition? Hypoxia - a very late sign. |
| 115 | Patient Assessment | FIRST priority for an EMT under ALL situations?: PERSONAL SAFETY. |
| 116 | Patient Assessment | Which patient(s) get a reassessment? ALL PATIENTS |
| 117 | Patient Assessment | Glasgow coma scale - minimum/maximum value? 3 - 15 |
| 118 | Patient Assessment | Systolic Blood Pressure estimates: Radial Pulse present - systolic BP \geq 80; Femoral pulse present - systolic BP \geq 70; Carotid pulse present - systolic BP \geq 60. |
| 119 | Patient Assessment | Systolic vs. Diastolic BP - definition of what they measure: Systolic measures the force against arterial walls when the heart is contracting; Diastolic measures it when heart is at "rest". |
| 120 | Patient Assessment | Poisons - assessment & treatment. What is the first task for the EMT? EMT Safety (as always!). |
| 121 | Patient Assessment | Peritonitis - definition/causes: Irritation of the peritoneum. Causes include: infection, trauma, abdominal bleeding of any cause. |
| 122 | Patient Assessment | Referred pain - definition and 2 typical examples?: Pain from a location "far" away from the location of the pain. Gall bladder disease and ectopic pregnancy can cause referred pain to the right shoulder. |

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| 123 | Patient Assessment | Behavioral emergency - most important assessment task: Rule out all medical causes. |
| 124 | Pediatrics | Seal-like cough in pediatric: Typically caused by croup. |
| 125 | Pediatrics | Upper airway pediatric infections: Croup and Epiglottitis. |
| 126 | Pediatrics | 4 year old in cardiac arrest - there is no pediatric AED available - what is your best option in addition to CPR?: If available, use an adult AED. Note: the opposite is not true. There is no benefit in using a pediatric AED if no adult AED is available. |
| 127 | Pediatrics | Most common causes of pediatric death: Airway issues, shock, infection |
| 128 | Pharmacology | Chemical vs. Generic vs. Trade Name: Chemical name is the name you'd see in a chemistry lab. Never used outside of manufacturer literature. Generic is the typical name - like Ibuprofen. Trade name are brand names like Advil or Motrin. |
| 129 | Respiratory | Signs of inadequate breathing: Tachypnea or Bradypnea, accessory muscle usage, pale or cyanotic skin, cool/diaphoretic skin, pursed lip breathing, Nasal flaring, Tripod position... |
| 130 | Respiratory | SOB - Typical causes, assessment, treatment: APE, Pneumonia, Asthma, COPD, infection, trauma, Seizures, Foreign Body... Typical treatment includes Oxygen, position of comfort, call for ALW, monitor airway and breathing and rapid transport. Wheezing patients typically get nebulized albuterol. |
| 131 | Respiratory | Treating wheezing patients with SOB; Albuterol: Recall that NYS protocol requires a call to medical control for a patient with any cardiac condition prior to giving albuterol. |
| 132 | Respiratory | Carbon monoxide poisoning - danger/treatment: CO has an affinity for hemoglobin 200% more than O2 does. Definitive treatment is a hyperbaric chamber (Lots of high concentration oxygen until they are taken there). |
| 133 | Respiratory | COPD - 2 types and what is the disease process of each?: Emphysema - damaged alveoli and loss of elasticity; Chronic Bronchitis: Damaged respiratory cilia in the airways - causing repeated respiratory infection. |
| 134 | Respiratory | Bronchodilator - definition; typical drug that we use: Any drug that dilates or opens up the airways. EMTs use Albuterol. |
| 135 | Respiratory | Dyspnea vs. Apnea vs. Hypoxia: Difficulty breathing vs. Not breathing vs. too little oxygen. |
| 136 | Respiratory | Status Asthmaticus - definition and treatment: An asthma attack that cannot be "broken" despite repeated bronchodilator treatments. Treatment includes BVM, ALS and very rapid transport. |
| 137 | Trauma | Spinal immobilization - procedures for sitting vs. supine |
| 138 | Trauma | Controlling epistaxis - no head injury/with head injury: No head injury: Head forward, pinch nostrils, ice on forehead, (rolled gauze under upper lip). Head Injury: Loose gauze to catch the blood and possible CSF. |
| 139 | Trauma | Signs of severe head injuries: AMS, Cushing's Reflex, Projectile vomiting, CSF from ears or nose, unequal pupils, seizures, Battles Sign, raccoon eyes... |
| 140 | Trauma | Stages of shock - distinguishing signs in each stage: Compensated (agitation, tachycardia, normal BP); Decompensated (Decreasing mental status, <u>dropping BP</u>), Irreversible (Loss of consciousness, no palpable BP, may have normal or low HR/RR). |

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| 141 | Trauma | Spinal injuries - signs/treatment: Paralysis, Visible bony fragments/deformity, pain along the spine, priapism, loss bladder and defecation control, Impaired breathing in C-Spine injuries (Christopher Reeves), Abnormal posturing (Decorticate/Deceribrated)... Immobilize, rapid transport to Trauma Center. |
| 142 | Trauma | Rapid extrication - when and how: Unstable patient or a stable patient is blocking access to an unstable patient. |
| 143 | Trauma | Bleeding - assessing severity; treatment: via MOI, vital sign monitoring; Type of external bleeding (arterial vs. others), quantity of bleeding. External bleeding: Stop bleeding per protocol, dress, bandage and transport; Internal bleeding: Monitor and treat for shock, ALS, rapid transport to trauma center. |
| 144 | Trauma | Types of shock: Hypovolemic, cardiogenic, neurogenic, septic, psychogenic. Neurogenic shock's hallmark sign: Warm dry skin - very different than other types of shock (classic state exam question). |
| 145 | Trauma | Splinting - technique by body part - Procedure |
| 146 | Trauma | Shock (Trendelenberg) position: Head below foot level. |
| 147 | Trauma | MAST - contraindications; one scenario where you might actually use it: Absolute contraindication is APE. Relative contraindications are: Pregnancy, Impaled object in chest. Might actually use it for a pelvic fracture with hypotension. |
| 148 | Trauma | Impaled object - treatment: DO NOT REMOVE OBJECT. Stabilize in place. |
| 149 | Trauma | KED - Last step of the procedure?: Secure the head. |
| 150 | Trauma | C-Collar procedure |
| 151 | Trauma | Angulated fracture - treatment?: Typically splint in position found. If PMS check reveals no distal pulse - one attempt to straighten limb until a distal pulse appears and then splint. If distal pulse can not be established, splint in position found and rapid transport. |
| 152 | Trauma | Signs of abdominal bleeding: Shock, bleeding from body orifices, black tarry stool, coffee grounds vomitus, tender/rigid/distended abdomen. |
| 153 | Trauma | Pneumothorax - definition: Air in the chest cavity. |
| 154 | Trauma | Spontaneous Pneumothorax - definition: Air in the chest cavity due to ruptured alveoli - for no apparent cause. |
| 155 | Trauma | Tension Pneumothorax ("TPT")- most typical cause, signs and treatment: Trauma!; Shock, AMS, Severe SOB, JVD, Treat with O2 via BVM, rapid transport, ALS. If a sucking chest wound was sealed with an occlusive dressing - remove the dressing allowing trapped air to be released. Re-apply occlusive dressing and monitor patient for reappearance of TPT. |
| 156 | Trauma | Hemothorax - definition: Blood in the chest cavity. |
| 157 | Trauma | Impaled object - when it <i>should</i> be removed? When it causes airway compromise - like a pencil through the cheek blocking the throat. |

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| 158 | Trauma | Traction splint - when contraindicated? When suspected fracture is near the hip or knee. |
| 159 | Trauma | Closed wound types - e.g. Contusions, Hematoma, Crush Injury and treatment: ABCs and rapid transport. |
| 160 | Trauma | Open wound types - e.g. Abrasions, lacerations... and treatment: Stop bleeding, dress and bandage. |
| 161 | Trauma | Avulsion - definition and treatment: Torn flap of skin. If possible, replace flap to maintain blood supply. Then treat as any other open wound. |
| 162 | Trauma | Amputation and treatment - most important: what to do with the amputated part?: Dry sterile dressing then seal in a plastic bag and then place in ice water. |
| 163 | Trauma | Major Risk for an open neck wound and treatment?: Air embolus - which can compromise circulation. |
| 164 | Trauma | Sucking Chest Wound treatment? Occlusive dressing closed on 3 sides. |
| 165 | Trauma | Pericardial tamponade - what is it and the most typical cause?: Bleeding in the pericardial space - typically caused by trauma. Signs included dropping systolic BP; elevating diastolic BP and muffled heart sounds. |
| 166 | Trauma | Flail chest - definition and treatment: More than 2 ribs broken in more than 2 places. Treat with BVM and rapid transport. |
| 167 | Trauma | Eviscerated abdominal organs - definition and treatment: Abdominal organs that are outside the body. Treat with: Moist sterile dressing, then occlusive dressing and then pad the area. |
| 168 | Trauma | What component of the blood is produced in the bone marrow? Predominantly red blood cells (erythrocytes). |
| 169 | Trauma | Types of fractures?: Open/Closed. Greenstick, Comminuted, Spiral, Impacted, Pathological. |
| 170 | Trauma | Dislocation: Discontinuity of a joint. |
| 171 | Trauma | Sprain vs. Strain: Sprain: Torn tendons or ligaments. Strain is typically a stretched tendon or ligament. |
| 172 | Trauma | Ecchymosis - definition: "Black and Blue" area caused by a collection of blood under the skin that is not part of circulation and therefore not oxygenated. |
| 173 | Trauma | Most reliable sign of a severe head injury?: AMS |
| 174 | Trauma | Cushing's reflex - what is this a sign of? What signs does a patient with Cushing's Reflex exhibit - some books mention two, but there is actually a third one): Sign of herniation of the brainstem through the Foramen Magnum. S/S: Slow pulse, increasing systolic BP and decreasing diastolic BP, Irregular breathing patterns. |
| 175 | Trauma | "Hallmark" sign of an Epidural Hematoma: Loss of consciousness, followed by a brief lucid period, followed by loss of consciousness. |
| 176 | Trauma | Subdural vs. Epidural Hematomas and Intra-cerebral bleeding/hematoma: Subdural: Bleeding between the brain and dura. Epidural: Bleeding between the dura and the skull. Intra-cerebral bleeding: Bleeding in the brain itself. |

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| 177 | Trauma | Most reliable sign of a spinal injury: Paralysis |