ORAL EXAM

Case 1

An otherwise healthy 20-year-old woman presents to your office with concerns regarding her breasts.



Breast reduction

Objective 1: To identify surgical options for breast reduction Question 1: What surgical options would you offer to this patient for breast reduction?

Key Answers 1:

Wise pattern

Superior pedicle

Superomedial pedicle

Inferior pedicle

Bipedicle

Free nipple graft

Objective 2: The candidate can draw markings for a Wise pattern breast reduction

Question 2: You decide to proceed with a Wise pattern breast reduction – please draw your surgical markings?

Key Answers 2:

Draws sternal notch to nipple distance

Draws nipple to IMF distance

Draws pedicle of appropriate width

Draws vertical limbs of appropriate length

Draws horizontal limbs of appropriate length

Comments on length of the pedicle

Objective 3: The candidate can manage nipple necrosis

Question 3: Following the procedure the patient experiences necrosis of the left nipple. How would you manage this complication?

Key Answers 3:

Allow healing by secondary intention

Secondary nipple reconstruction

Secondary tattooing of nipple and areola

Tell the patient that this is a complication

Case 2

A 25-year-old woman sustained a puncture while gardening. She presented to the emergency room 48 h after the injury with a painful and swollen finger.



Flexor tenosynovitis

Objective 1: To assess the candidate's ability to diagnose flexor tenosynovitis

Question 1: What specific features would you examine for in this patient on physical examination?

Key Answers 1:

Kanavel's 4 signs

Pain on passive extension

Finger held in flexion

Pain on palpation of the anatomic flexor tendon sheath

Fusiform swelling of the digit

Objective 2: To assess the candidate's ability to manage flexor tenosynovitis

Question 2: You decide to manage the patient nonoperatively. What is your initial management?

Key Answers 2:

Intravenous antibiotics

Limb elevation

Splint

Hospital admission or outpatient re-evaluation within 24 h

Question 3: What antibiotics would you choose

Key Answers 3:

Combination coverage for Gram-positive and Gram-negative organisms

Gram positive: One of – ancef, vancomycin, penicillin, cloxacillin, moxifloxacin

Gram negative – One of – ciprofloxacin, gentamicin, ceftriaxone, Consider flagyl

Could consider broad spectrum piperacillin/tazobactam or ticarcillin/clavulin pending cultures

Objective 3: To assess the candidate's operative management of flexor tenosynovitis

Question 4: After 24 h, you re-assess the patient and her pain has increased, as has the swelling. What is your management now?

Key Answers 4:

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Question 5: Please draw your incisions

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Key Answers 5:

Draw lines for Bruner inicision

Initially makes incision over the A1 pulley proximally and the A5 pulley distally

Describes irrigation of the tendon sheath

Objective 4: To demonstrate recognition of the complications of untreated tenosynovitis

Question 6: What is a common adverse consequence of untreated flexor tenosynovitis?

Key Answers 4:

Flexor tendon rupture

Tendon adhesion

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