

ACTIVITY: Section 6 - Patient Assessment & Troubleshooting Guidelines

This quiz will test the objectives and content in Section 6 of the Learning Package or the 'Guidelines for Syringe Driver Management in Palliative Care' booklet.

Q1) Your patient Mrs. Smith has a syringe driver in situ. Her symptoms have been well-controlled, however she is now complaining of an exacerbation of her symptoms. Possible reasons may include:

- 1. Syringe driver malfunction.
- 2. Medications require review for effectiveness.
- 3. Mrs. Smith's condition is changing or deteriorating.
- 4. All of the above.

Q2) Mrs. Smith's infusion finishes 2 hours early. Possible explanations include:

- 1. Incorrect volume (less than required) added to syringe during preparation.
- 2. Failure to account for infusion volume required to prime the tubing.
- 3. Syringe driver rate incorrect.
- 4. All of the above.

Q3) Which two of the following infusion site characteristics would indicate problems?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Pink skin | <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Tenderness / redness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Swelling or hardness | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Absence of tenderness. |

Q4) Regular patient assessment should include:

- 1. Effectiveness of symptom management
- 2. Site inspection / assessment.
- 3. Checking patency of tubing and syringe volume remaining.
- 4. All of the above.