Psychiatric/Behavioral Health Exam Content Outline

Exam Objective: To measure the overall level of knowledge for the Psychiatric/Behavioral Health Specialty area.

Knowledge Domains - Psychiatric/Behavioral Health Exam

- Critical Thinking: 8%
- General Knowledge: 46%
- Medication Administration: 38%
- Medication Identification/Recognition: 4%
- Specialty Skill Assessment: 4%

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I. Critical Thinking
   A. Knowledge and identification of suicidal characteristics.

II. General Knowledge
   A. Knowledge of anxiety disorders related to physical and sexual abuse.
   B. Knowledge of signs and symptoms of ETOH (alcohol) withdrawal.
   C. Knowledge of MAOI’s.
   D. Knowledge of psychiatric disorders common in the Psychiatric/Behavioral Health Unit.
   E. Knowledge of alcohol and drug dependency.

III. Medication Administration
   A. Knowledge of patient education related to commonly administered psychiatric medications.
   B. Knowledge of side effects of commonly administered psychiatric medications.
   C. Knowledge of antagonist to commonly administered psychiatric medications.

IV. Medication Identification/Recognition
   A. Knowledge of antagonists related to commonly administered psychiatric medications.
   B. Knowledge of psychiatric drug classifications.
   C. Knowledge of action and side effects to commonly administered psychiatric medications.
   D. Knowledge of common pharmacologic treatments for narcotic addiction.
   E. Knowledge of therapeutic regimens commonly seen in the psychiatric specialty area.

V. Specialty Skill Assessment
   A. Knowledge of effects of abrupt withdrawal for certain psychiatric medications.
   B. Knowledge of suicidal acts.