

Geriatric Patients
From Bradys' Emergency Care 10th Edition

1. Where should the EMT-B place himself when the elderly patient has cataracts?
 - A.) Behind the patient
 - B.) In front of the patient**
 - C.) To the left of the patient
 - D.) To the right of the patient

2. Where should the EMT-B look to perform the scene size-up when treating an elderly patient?
 - A.) Neither inside nor outside
 - B.) Inside and outside**
 - C.) Outside only
 - D.) Inside only

3. What is the fourth leading cause of death in the elderly?
 - A.) Heart attack
 - B.) Stroke
 - C.) Pneumonia**
 - D.) Angina

4. Which item is commonly a foreign body airway obstruction in an elderly patient?
 - A.) Poorly chewed pieces of food**
 - B.) Strange glass items
 - C.) Large prescribed medications
 - D.) Plastic coatings from food

5. What can cause a false sense of security in the well being of an elderly patient?
 - A.) Sudden decline in condition
 - B.) Slow decline in condition**
 - C.) Sporadic nature of condition
 - D.) Stabilization of condition

6. What is it called when an elderly patient replaces missing details with imaginary ones?

- A.) Lying
- B.) Neuropathogenics
- C.) Imagination
- D.) Confabulation

7. What percentage of the elderly population live in nursing homes?

- A.) 15%
- B.) 25%
- C.) 35%
- D.) 5%

8. Which part of the body is often injured when an elderly woman takes a fall?

- A.) Back
- B.) Hip
- C.) Arm
- D.) Neck

9. Which is NOT an example of psychological abuse of the elderly?

- A.) Ignoring
- B.) Insults
- C.) Threats
- D.) Shaking

10. What is the chief complaint of an elderly patient who is having a heart attack?

- A.) Chest pain
- B.) Shortness of breath
- C.) Abdominal pain
- D.) Dizziness

11. Which change in the normal cycle of aging could result in being more prone to falls?

- A.) Death of friends and family
- B.) Decreased cardiac output
- C.) Diminished liver function
- D.) Diminished thyroid function

12. Which change of aging would result in an increased toxicity from alcohol?

- A.) Diminished thyroid function
- B.) Decreased muscle mass
- C.) Diminished liver function
- D.) Decreased elasticity of lungs

13. Which accounts for an overwhelming majority of injuries to elderly patients?

- A.) Motor-vehicle collisions
- B.) Chocking incidents
- C.) Accidental shootings
- D.) Suicidal overdoses

14. Who would NOT be helpful to ask regarding the normal mental status of an elderly patient?

- A.) Caregiver
- B.) Neighbors
- C.) Family
- D.) Patient

15. What minimum temperature (degrees Fahrenheit) should be maintained in the winter to avoid hypothermia in an elderly patient?

- A.) 72
- B.) 84
- C.) 76
- D.) 68

16. What portion of the elderly population dies within a year of a fall?

- A.) 1/8
- B.) 1/4
- C.) 1/3
- D.) 1/2

17. How much of the elderly population has clinical depression?

- A.) 1/10
- B.) 1/2
- C.) 1/4
- D.) 1/16

18. Which part of the blood pressure in the elderly tends to rise, resulting in the need for medications?

- A.) Systolic
- B.) Nothing increases
- C.) Systolic and diastolic
- D.) Diastolic

19. Which type of reaction occurs due to the decrease of liver and kidney function in the elderly patient?

- A.) Drug-drug
- B.) Drug-food
- C.) Drug-patient
- D.) Patient-food

20. What is a sign that the elderly patient is experiencing significant internal bleeding?

- A.) Dizziness upon standing
- B.) Abdominal pain
- C.) Shortness of breath
- D.) Altered mental status

21. What is the fastest growing age group in the United States?

- A.) 85 and up
- B.) 75 and up
- C.) 55 and up
- D.) 65 and up

22. Which is NOT a cause of abdominal pain in the elderly patient?

- A.) Aortic aneurysm
- B.) Thoracic aneurysm
- C.) Diverticulitis
- D.) Bowel obstruction

23. Which is an implication for assessment in an elderly patient due to fewer taste buds?

- A.) Risk of pneumonia
- B.) Stroke more likely
- C.) Weight loss
- D.) Falls more likely

24. Which is an accurate statement regarding the elderly patient's radial pulse?

- A.) Regular
- B.) Thready
- C.) Full
- D.) Irregular

25. Which segment of the population is the most likely to be successful in a suicide attempt?

- A.) Elderly female
- B.) Elderly male
- C.) Young male
- D.) Young female