

CODE: CI 5Question: Major Illness

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55 y.o. 109 kg., 165 cm. with Guillain-Barre; not intubated
 Ischiorectal abscess
 Hx - some SOB at rest

Major points of additional information to be provided to the candidate, e.g., hx, px, labs, x-ray, consults:

- Rx RR30
- on chest service - monitoring vital capacity daily - neuritis still ascending
- some evidence of sympathetic neuropathy - sweating orthostatic hypotension when sat up, tachycardic
- febrile

ABG's N
 FVC = 1300 FEV₁ = 800 Neg Insp Force - 18 cm H₂O

Major decision points (major decision points or options which must be recognized by the candidate)

- general considerations of Guillain-Barre + obesity
- monitoring BP with arterial line
- rapid sequence induction
- post-op ventilation

ICU consult

Any followup information required to lead to the end of the question**Critical features to be included i.e. the *must* have to pass the question or to be considered *completely unacceptable***

- rapid sequence avoiding succinylcholine (awake intubation)
- ventilatory difficulties with morbid obesity
- autonomic dysfunction - pressures up or down and prepared to deal with same - availability of vasopressors/dilators
- need for post-op ventilation for some period

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