

Keep Calm and Test On!

Test-taking strategies!

<i>What is the question asking?</i>	<p>Read through the question <u>carefully</u> to make sure you understand the question.</p> <p>Before looking at the answers, try answering the question in your head.</p>
<i>Focus on Key Words</i>	<p>Pick out the key words or phrases in the questions (priority, first, initial, and most important).</p> <p>The key words will tell you what to look for in the answer and sometimes there is an additional option that could be the answer if you missed those key words.</p>
<i>Perfect NCLEX World</i>	<p>Answer the question like it is an (ideal?) case. This means the patient has the signs and symptoms you saw listed in your textbook.</p> <p>You have unlimited time and resources, act like you have all the time in the world to take care of this patient.</p> <p><u>TIP: Do not</u> read into the question/answers.</p>
<i>Process of Elimination</i>	<p>Get rid of answers using global words: never, none, always, only, must, all.</p> <p>Wrong answers - there is usually 2 or 3 good answers, one is just plain bad.</p> <p>Umbrella answers: looking at the answer that is usually longer and has one or two other answers in it (usually is the right answer).</p> <p>Conflicting answers/similar answers (usually one is right - aka common with side effects, symptoms, and priority questions).</p>
<i>Priority</i>	<p>When in doubt, choose the answer that involves safety, ABCs, ADPIE, Maslow's hierarchy of needs, therapeutic communication.</p>