

## Example Item:

### Stem:

Following cleft lip repair in an infant, which of the following interventions is MOST appropriate?

A)

keep well medicated to prevent pain

B)

maintain prone positioning to promote drainage

C)

provide pacifier to minimize crying

D)

apply mittens on hands to protect surgical site

The correct response or “key” to this question is:

A  B  C  D

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An essential component of effective pediatric nursing care is pain management. This is especially important following cleft lip repair because infants cry when in pain causing stress on the suture line, which can result in dehiscence of the wound.