

Ambulatory Care Emergency Severity Index (ESI) Refresher Quiz

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Date: _____

Please read the following cases. Apply the appropriate ESI (1-5) to each case using the ESI criteria. A passing score is 80% or better.

Question	ESI level?
<p>1. A 26-year-old male asks “how long am I going to have to wait to see the doctor?” The patient is well known to you and your department and rates his pain as 20/10. He reports he has been like this for 3 days. He vomited twice this morning. PMH: migraines, no allergies, medications includes fiorocet.</p>	
<p>2. A 72-year-old female with obvious chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and increased work of breathing is wheeled into triage. Between breaths she tells you she “is having a hard time breathing and has had a fever since yesterday.” The SpO2 monitor is alarming and displaying a saturation of 84%.</p>	
<p>3. “I ran out of my blood pressure medicine and my doctor is on vacation. Can someone here write me a prescription?” requests a 56-year-old male with a history of hypertension. VS: BP=128/84, HR=76, RR=16, T=97 degrees F.</p>	
<p>4. “It hurts so much when I urinate,” reports an otherwise healthy 25-year-old female. She denies fever, chills, abdominal pain, or vaginal discharge. VS: T=98.2 degrees F, HR=66, RR=14, BP=114/60.</p>	
<p>5. A 48-year-old-female is retching continuously into a large basin as her son wheels her into the triage area. Her son tells you that his diabetic mother has been vomiting for the past 5 hours and now it is “just this yellow stuff. She hasn’t eaten or taken her insulin.” NKDA, VS: BP=148/70, P=126, RR=24.</p>	
<p>6. “My dentist can’t see me until Monday and my tooth is killing me. Can’t you give me something for the pain?” a 38-year-old healthy male asks you. He tells you the pain started yesterday and is 10/10. No obvious facial swelling or oral discharge is</p>	

<p>noted. Allergic to penicillin. VS: T=99.6 degrees F, HR=76, RR=16, BP=128/74.</p>	
<p>7. A 76-year-old male with arthritis, chronic renal failure, and diabetes presents with an open area on the palm of his left hand. It is red, tender, and swollen. He hands you a list of medications and reports he has NKDA. He is afebrile. VS: HR=72, RR=16, BP=105/63.</p>	
<p>8. A 27-year-old female wants to be checked by a doctor. She has been experiencing low abdominal pain (6/10) for 4 days. This morning she began some light spotting. She denies nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or urinary symptoms. Her last menstrual period was 7 weeks ago. PMH: previous ectopic pregnancy. VS: T=98 degrees F, HR=66, RR=14, BP=106/68.</p>	
<p>9. A woman arrives with her 78-year-old husband who she heard fall in the bathroom. He reports he got a little dizzy when he got up to go to the bathroom. He has a history of prostate cancer and hypertension that is controlled with a diuretic. His skin is cool and moist. NKDA. VS: HR=178 and irregular, RR=24, BP=84/66.</p>	
<p>10. "Why the heck don't you just leave me alone?," yells a 73-year-old disheveled man brought in by a family member after he was found sitting on a curb drinking a bottle of vodka with blood oozing from a 4cm forehead laceration. He is oriented to person, place and time and has a GCS of 14. Pt is verbally hostile.</p>	