

Quiz for Aortic Aneurysm (Answer Key)

1. If an aortic aneurysm burst, a patient would be in danger for what reason?
 - A. Extremely high blood pressure, the reason the artery wall weakened in the first place.
 - B. They would essentially bleed to death, even though all the blood would remain in the body.
 - C. Chronic heart disease caused by poor lifestyle choices.
 - D. Heart tissue dying from a blockage to the arteries supplying blood to the heart itself.
2. How large does an aortic aneurysm have to be for surgery to be recommended immediately?
 - A. 4 cm or larger
 - B. 5 cm or larger
 - C. 6 cm or larger
 - D. 7 cm or larger
3. Why are the other organs retracted from around the aneurysm during surgery?
 - A. So they don't get damaged during surgery.
 - B. Because blood spurting from the aorta could drown them.
 - C. The surgeon doesn't want any distractions.
 - D. The intestines could leak into the aorta, causing massive infection.
4. Circle the letter for each of the steps below that was performed specifically to prevent blood clots from forming.
 - A. Clamps were placed below the renal arteries.
 - B. Heparin was administered before the clamps were put on the aorta.
 - C. A graft made of knitted polyester fabric was used.
 - D. The clamps were placed above the iliac arteries prior to being placed below the renal arteries.
5. What factors does the surgeon consider when choosing the material and method of closing a surgical incision?
 - A. The length of time it takes that part of the body to heal and the way it will look for the patient after surgery.
 - B. The pressure or stress that might be placed on the incision by the patient and the way it will look after surgery.
 - C. The patient's personal choices and the length of time healing might take.
 - D. The length of time healing might take and the pressure or stress that might be placed on the incision.

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