

1. A 73-year-old patient presented to the clinic with his spouse, who states that the patient has been showing signs of confusion, memory loss, and disorientation in familiar surroundings. The patient has been taking donepezil (Aricept) 10 mg, by mouth, once a day for 6 months. Because the patient's symptoms have begun to worsen, the patient's spouse is requesting that the dose of donepezil be increased. What should you, as the Nurse Practitioner, tell the spouse?
 - A. The patient can take 10 mg twice a day
 - B. The dose can be increased, because the patient has been taking the drug for longer than 3 months
 - C. The dose should be decreased because the increase of symptoms is caused by hepatotoxicity
 - D. The patient must remain on this same dosage for at least 12 months before reevaluating

2. What is considered to be the first line treatment for Parkinson's disease?
 - A. Levodopa/carbidopa
 - B. Amantadine
 - C. Entacapone
 - D. Rasagiline

3. Which of the following is a preventative therapy for migraine treatment?
 - A. Zolmitriptan (Zomig)
 - B. Excedrin Migraine
 - C. Ergotamine sublingual (Ergomar)
 - D. Botulinum toxins

4. Which of the following baseline data are recommended before starting valproic acid? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)
 - A. Pregnancy test
 - B. Creatinine clearance
 - C. TSH
 - D. Liver function

5. Which of the following medications is typically prescribed for dementia associated with Parkinson's disease?
 - A. Levodopa/carbidopa
 - B. Donepezil (Aricept)
 - C. Rivastigmine (Exelon) transdermal patch
 - D. Galantamine