

**Priority Patients:**

- Airway (dyspnea)
- Hemorrhage
- Chest Pain
- Decreased level of consciousness
- Seizure
- S/sx of Stroke or MI
- “Suddenly, sharp, severe, all of a sudden”
- Any change that shows a decrease in patient status

**Test Taking Strategies (only use if you have no clue what the answer could be):**

- Look for opposites
- Look for almost exacts
- Look for umbrella answers
- Stay away from all-inclusive (always, never, only)
- Be wary of “sometimes, maybe, possibly” answers
- Stay away from zebras
- Before calling the doctor, is there anything on the list that you can do for the patient? Is there any assessment results you will need to tell the doctor on that list?
- Treat SATA as T/F
- When being questioned about a medication, most likely you are being asked about :
  1. Adverse reaction
  2. Nursing Intervention in relation to said med
  3. S/sx of said medication working “too well”