

## Test Taking Strategies

Story	Think
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the problem or topic being presented? If the problem is not clear come back to the question after reading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the stem</li> <li>Do you want a true or false response?</li> <li>Many questions will focus on priorities. Look for what the nurse will do first. Focus on key words such as first, essential or best.</li> </ul>



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Options	PICK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Think about the answer you would like to see.</li> <li>Read each option one at a time</li> <li>If your idea is not there relook at the stem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use priority setting guidelines to pick answers.</li> <li>Maslow's hierarchy of needs – physiological needs come first followed by safety</li> <li>Consider ABCs in conjunction with acute vs. chronic situations and stable/unstable</li> <li>Consider least restrictive or invasive interventions</li> <li>Consider time as you make decisions – early vs. late symptoms, pre post or intra procedure</li> <li>Look for the most complete answer</li> <li>Prevent harm to the patient</li> <li>Consider safe delegation</li> </ul>

