CARBON DIOXIDE TOXICITY

Stuporous secondary to increased CO2 retention

Contributing Factors

Carbon dioxide retention

Excessive oxygen delivery

Manifestations

Alteration in level of consciousness

Tachypnea

Increased blood pressure

Tachycardia with dysrhythmias

Nursing Interventions

Monitor pulse oximetry

Monitor ABGs

Avoid excessive concentrations of oxygen

Provide pulmonary hygiene

Provide ventilatory support with CPAP, BiPAP, or mechanical ventilation

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