

UROLOGY

Word order in conditional sentences

Do you remember the grammatical pattern of conditional sentences?

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If + verb (present simple)	will/can/may + verb (base form)
If + verb (past simple)	would/could/might + verb (base form)

Now look at the following sentences and note the changes in the word order: When can such alternative word orders be applied?

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Prerequisite 1: _____

Prerequisite 2: _____

Now, transform the following sentences according to the same pattern. Be careful, not all sentences can be transformed. Why?

1. If not expressed clearly, a partner's outbursts of anger or sadness may be interpreted as blame by the other partner. Chlamydia trachomatis (CT) and Neisseria gonorrhoeae (NG) usually colonize and infect the human reproductive tract; if left untreated or improperly treated, they can lead to severe complications.

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3. Shortening antibiotic treatments may have significant benefits to antimicrobial stewardship, cost and patient experience if it can be achieved without compromising clinical care.

4. Child marriages are associated with coerced sexual intercourse and symptoms of genital tract infections which, if left untreated, may lead to infertility.

5. If applied to the case of anticipated blockage to parenthood, developmental regulation theories would propose that increasing efforts to conceive while younger than 40 would be adaptive, but thereafter the most adaptive strategy would be to disengage from the pursuit of parenthood and reengage in other life goals that can still be achieved.

6. These kinds of stigma related descriptions, if ingrained in the community may be dangerous to the uptake of contraceptive use among women in Zamfara.

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8. This compromises the physiology and hydrodynamic flow of the urinary system, causing urological dysfunction of varying degrees, which affects kidney function and may cause renal failure if not properly diagnosed and treated.
