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1. pH is the measurement of _____ ions.
2. When you think CO₂, think _____
3. When you think HCO₃, think _____
4. A patient who is losing all their CO₂ will have a _____ pH.
5. A patient who is retaining all their CO₂ will have a _____ pH.
6. A patient who is losing all their HCO₃ will have a _____ pH.
7. A patient who is retaining/re-absorbing all their HCO₃ will have a _____ pH.
8. The normal range for _____ is 7.35-7.45
9. The normal range for _____ is 22-26 mEq/L
10. The normal range for _____ is 35-45 mmHg

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ANSWERS

1. pH is the measurement of Hydrogen ions.
2. When you think CO₂, think Respiratory (Lungs)
3. When you think HCO₃, think Metabolic (Kidneys)
4. A patient who is losing all their CO₂ will have a High pH.
5. A patient who is retaining all their CO₂ will have a Low pH.
6. A patient who is losing all their HCO₃ will have a Low pH.
7. A patient who is retaining/re-absorbing all their HCO₃ will have a High pH.
8. The normal range for pH is 7.35-7.45
9. The normal range for HCO₃ is 22-26 mEq/L
10. The normal range for PaCO₂ is 35-45 mmHg