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QUESTION 1

Which abdominal region lies just distal to the sternum?

- A. Epigastric
- B. Umbilical
- C. Lumbar
- D. Hypogastric

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 2

Who has ownership of a patient's medical records?

- A. The care provider
- B. The insurance company
- C. The patient
- D. The state medical board

Correct Answer: A

Although all the other entities may request copies of the patient's medical records, they have been created by the care provider (i.e. a medical office, hospital etc.) and remain their property.

This means that a care provider is entitled to levy a reasonable charge for the provision of copies of the records.

QUESTION 3

Having tightened tourniquet around the upper arm of a patient in order to draw blood, you should carry out the procedure within _____.

- A. 30 seconds
- B. 60 seconds
- C. 120 seconds
- D. 15 seconds

Correct Answer: B



Always work quickly once you have tightened the tourniquet: leaving it on for more than a minute may cause discomfort for the patient and even have damaging results. If you are unable to find a suitable vein and carry out the procedure within one minute, loosen the tourniquet, allow blood to flow again normally and then retry, or choose another site.

QUESTION 4

Which cranial nerve is related to the sense of smell?

- A. Hypoglossal
- B. Olfactory
- C. Trochlear
- D. Vagus

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 5

Which of these is the only risk a computer cable may not present?

- A. Flood risk
- B. Trip risk
- C. Electrocutation risk
- D. Fire risk

Correct Answer: A

Electrical equipment cables are one of the major causes of workplace accidents.

They should be regularly inspected to make sure there is no fraying of the outer casing, which could cause electrocution or fire, and careful attention must be paid to their routing: ideally all cables should travel through secure housing to ensure they cannot cause a trip risk.

QUESTION 6

In which of these circumstances may you refuse to give medical treatment to a person with HIV/AIDS?

- A. If the person is a user of intravenous narcotics
- B. If the person refuses antiretroviral drugs
- C. If the person is still sexually active
- D. None of the above



Correct Answer: D

Both the AMA and the ADA have issued ethical guidance that patients with HIV/AIDS have a right to treatment. A medical practitioner may not withhold treatment from a patient because they have HIV/AIDS, regardless of the reason for their infection or their current treatment. If a practitioner is genuinely not competent to treat a patient with HIV/AIDS they must pass the case to a practitioner who is.

QUESTION 7

Before referring a patient to another facility, a medical assistant should be sure to verify the patient's _____.

- A. Address
- B. Income
- C. Insurance
- D. Transportation

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 8

The pharmaceutical abbreviation "qid" means _____.

- A. every hour
- B. every day
- C. four times a day
- D. every week

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 9

Which of the following should be the next step in a treatment if a patient has severe burns over more than half of the body and the burning process has been stopped?

- A. Starting IV antibiotics
- B. Applying antibacterial ointment
- C. Administering high-flow oxygen
- D. Wound debridement

Correct Answer: C



QUESTION 10

Blood flows from the heart's right ventricle into the _____.

- A. Left ventricle
- B. Right atrium
- C. Pulmonary artery
- D. Pulmonary vein

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 11

Which of these is used to drain fluid from the body?

- A. Catheter
- B. Intravenous drip
- C. Injection
- D. All of these

Correct Answer: A

A catheter is used to drain fluid from the body. It may be inserted in a body cavity, duct or vein.

QUESTION 12

Which of the following would call the patient if a patient's bill has been unpaid for more than 90 days?

- A. Attorney
- B. Medical Assistant
- C. Collection Agency
- D. Physician

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 13

When choosing a site to place electrodes for an ECG test, the site should be all of these things except _____.

- A. Moist
- B. Clean



C. Smooth

D. Dry

Correct Answer: A

In order to achieve the best results, electrodes should be placed on a site that is clean, smooth and dry. Any moisture should be wiped away as it could interfere with the adhesion of the electrodes and so interfere with clear results.

QUESTION 14

What type of test is being conducted if a patient is tested to determine the antibiotics that a pathogen is susceptible to?

A. Sensitivity

B. Biopsy

C. Culture

D. Cytology

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 15

Under which of these circumstances must patient records be released?

A. Demand from an insurance company

B. Demand from law enforcement

C. Demand from patient's next of kin

D. Court subpoena

Correct Answer: D

A court subpoena is the only one of these with which it is compulsory to comply; the other entities must obtain court orders if they wish to access patient records and the patient refuses access. Even in the case of a subpoena, it is best to check the legality of the order with legal staff or senior management before complying.

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