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QUESTION 1

A physician orders smoking cessation counseling for a 60-year-old male with a new diagnosis of CHF and COPD. The patient has failed several attempts to quit smoking using nicotine gum. Which of the following should a pulmonary function technologist recommend?

- A. Switch to a nicotine patch.
- B. Use alternative medicine such as acupuncture.
- C. Add a trial of bupropion (Zyban).
- D. Increase the dosage of the nicotine replacement.

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 2

A pulmonary function technologist is performing an exercise (stress) test on a patient with severe COPD. As the test progresses, the patient shows signs of increasing dyspnea. Measurements of inspiratory capacity decreased from 2.0 L to 1.5 L. Which of the following most likely occurred?

- A. dynamic hyperinflation
- B. disconnected gas sampling line
- C. drift in the flow transducer
- D. acute decrease in FRC

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 3

In a patient with neuromuscular disease, which of the following is the best way to detect airway obstruction?

- A. SGaw
- B. MIP
- C. PEF
- D. MVV

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 4

A 35-year-old healthy male is performing a maximal stress test as part of an annual physical. The following data are



observed:

	<u>Baseline</u>	<u>5 Minutes</u>
Work	rest	100 watts
HR	81	141
BP (mm Hg)	120/75	150/80
SpO ₂	96	81
Borg Scale	0	2

The patient denies any symptoms. Which of the following should a pulmonary function technologist do first?

- A. Obtain an arterial blood gas while continuing exercise
- B. Move the pulse oximeter sensor to another site
- C. Administer oxygen at 3-4 L/min by nasal cannula
- D. Terminate the test and stabilize the patient.

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 5

A biologic control subject has a FRCpleth of 4.0 ± 0.3 L at panting frequencies between 60 and 70/min.

During a QC run, the subject pants at 55/min and a FRCpleth of 3.90 L is recorded.

Which of the following is the most appropriate action to take?

- A. Recalibrate the mouth pressure transducer and repeat the test.
- B. Repeat the test, coaching the subject to pant more slowly.
- C. Continue using the system because it is within control limits.
- D. Take the plethysmograph out of service pending corrective maintenance.

Correct Answer: C

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