

Care CEUs

Preventing Medical Errors

1. According to the Joint Commission, how can health care professionals improve the accuracy of patient identification?

- A. Always use one patient identifier when providing care, treatment, or services.
 - B. Use at least two patient identifiers when administering medications, blood, or blood components.
 - C. Label containers used for blood and other specimens after leaving the presence of a patient.
 - D. Avoid labeling containers used for blood.
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2. A health care professional has questions regarding the Joint Commission's anticoagulant recommendations. Which of the following informational points of interest should be communicated to the health care professional?

- A. When heparin is administered intravenously and continuously, use programmable pumps in order to provide consistent and accurate dosing.
 - B. Avoid the use of programmable pumps when administering heparin to patients over the age of 65.
 - C. Avoid the use of programmable pumps when administering heparin to patients under the age of 65.
 - D. Health care professionals must monitor patient's INR when administering heparin.
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3. Which of the following may be considered a Joint Commission recommendation regarding surgical site infection prevention?

- A. Measure surgical site infection rates for the first 5 or 10 days following surgical procedures based on NHSN procedural codes.
 - B. Measure surgical site infection rates for the first 10 or 20 days following surgical procedures based on NHSN procedural codes.
 - C. Measure surgical site infection rates for the first 30 or 90 days following surgical procedures based on NHSN procedural codes.
 - D. Measure surgical site infection rates for the first 120 days following surgical procedures based on NHSN procedural codes.
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4. Which of the following may be considered a Joint Commission recommendation regarding the prevention of central line-associated bloodstream infections?

- A. Prior to insertion of a central venous catheter, educate patients and, as needed, their families about central line-associated bloodstream infection prevention.
- B. Avoid sterile barrier precautions during central venous catheter insertion.
- C. For adult patients, always insert catheters into the femoral vein.

D. Evaluate all central venous catheters routinely but never remove nonessential catheters.

5. Which of the following may be considered a Joint Commission recommendation regarding the identification of safety risks inherent in patient populations?

- A. Conduct a risk assessment that identifies specific patient characteristics and environmental features that may increase or decrease the risk for suicide only if the patient is over the age of 65.
 - B. Conduct a risk assessment that identifies specific patient characteristics and environmental features that may increase or decrease the risk for suicide only if the patient is under the age of 65.
 - C. Screen all patients for suicidal ideation who are being evaluated or treated for behavioral health conditions as their primary reason for care using a validated screening tool.
 - D. Do not screen patients for suicidal ideation who are being evaluated or treated for behavioral health conditions.
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6. Which of the following may be considered a Joint Commission recommendation regarding a "time-out"?

- A. A patient should never be involved in the verification process.
 - B. A patient should never be involved in the verification process, unless the patient is over 65 years of age.
 - C. When two or more procedures are being performed on the same patient, and the health care professional performing the procedure changes, do not perform a time-out before each procedure is initiated.
 - D. When two or more procedures are being performed on the same patient, and the health care professional performing the procedure changes, perform a time-out before each procedure is initiated.
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7. In regards to hand hygiene, what is the recommended duration for a hand washing procedure using soap and water?

- A. 5 - 10 seconds
 - B. 10 - 15 seconds
 - C. 20 - 30 seconds
 - D. 40 - 60 seconds
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8. Which of the following statements is most accurate?

- A. Goggles are typically worn with a mask.
 - B. Goggles are typically worn in place of a mask.
 - C. To effectively remove goggles from the face, a health care professional should take off the goggles from the front by lifting the goggle's band and pulling them down.
 - D. To effectively remove goggles from the face, a health care professional should take off the goggles from the front by lifting the goggle's band and pulling them up.
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9. Which of the following statements best defines the term "touch contamination?"

- A. Touch contamination may refer to touching one's self and/or other surfaces such as tables, light switches, and doors before donning gloves.
 - B. Touch contamination may refer to touching one's self and/or other surfaces such as tables, light switches, and doors while wearing gloves.
 - C. Touch contamination may refer to touching one's self and/or other surfaces such as tables, light switches, and doors before engaging in hand hygiene.
 - D. Touch contamination may refer to touching one's self and/or other surfaces such as tables, light switches, and doors after engaging in hand hygiene.
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10. A health care professional has questions regarding safe injection practices. Which of the following informational points of interest should be communicated to the health care professional?

- A. Health care professionals should dedicate multidose vials to a single patient.
 - B. Health care professionals should not dedicate multidose vials to a single patient.
 - C. Multidose vials may be used for up to four patients at one time.
 - D. Multidose vials may be used for up to six patients at one time.
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11. A 70-year-old male patient is initiated on Coumadin therapy. The patient has questions regarding his Coumadin therapy. Which of the following counseling points should be expressed to the patient regarding Coumadin?

- A. Coumadin is a factor Xa inhibitor anticoagulant medication.
 - B. Coumadin is contraindicated in patients with a creatinine clearance $<30\text{mL}/\text{min}$.
 - C. Coumadin requires INR monitoring.
 - D. Other medications and dietary changes do not typically affect INR levels achieved with Coumadin therapy.
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12. A 68-year-old female patient reports that she was forced to look at pornographic materials. Which of the following types of patient abuse best matches the patient's aforementioned reports?

- A. Exploitation
 - B. Verbal/emotional abuse
 - C. Sexual abuse
 - D. Neglect
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13. Which of the following best represents a sign of psychological abuse?

- A. A lack of interest in socializing with others
 - B. Bite marks on the body
 - C. Unexplained withdrawals from bank accounts
 - D. Bruising around the genitals
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14. According to Title 42 Part 483, which of the following statements is most accurate?

- A. A patient does not have the right to be informed in advance, by the physician or other practitioner or professional, of the risks and benefits of proposed care.
 - B. A patient has the right to be informed in advance, by the physician or other practitioner or professional, of the risks and benefits of proposed care, of treatment and treatment alternatives or treatment options and to choose the alternative or option he or she prefers.
 - C. Patients do not have the right to request, refuse, and/or discontinue treatment.
 - D. Only patients over the age of 21 have the right to request, refuse, and/or discontinue treatment.
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15. Which of the following statements regarding the CDC's Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations is most accurate?

- A. The use of Transmission-Based Precautions should be reserved for patients over the age of 50.
 - B. The use of Transmission-Based Precautions should be reserved for patients over the age of 65.
 - C. Empiric use of Transmission-Based Precautions (quarantine) is recommended for patients who have had close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection if they are not up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses.
 - D. Empiric use of Transmission-Based Precautions (quarantine) is not recommended for patients who have had close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection if they are not up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses.
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16. A health care professional is developing an educational lecture focused on the CDC's Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations. Which of the following educational points should be included in the health care professional's lecture?

- A. A test-based strategy and (if available) consultation with infectious disease experts is recommended for determining the duration of Transmission-Based Precautions for patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection who are moderately to severely immunocompromised.
 - B. A test-based strategy and (if available) consultation with infectious disease experts is recommended for determining the duration of Transmission-Based Precautions for vaccinated patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and over the age of 65.
 - C. Test-based strategies should be avoided.
 - D. Test-based strategies should be avoided for immunocompromised patients.
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17. Which of the following best represents a CDC's Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendation?

- A. Health care professionals should wear a face mask for aerosol generating procedures and/or surgical procedures that might pose higher risk for transmission if the patient has COVID-19.

- B. Health care professionals should wear a cloth mask for aerosol generating procedures and/or surgical procedures that might pose higher risk for transmission if the patient has COVID-19.
 - C. Face masks and cloth masks should not be placed on young children under age two.
 - D. Face masks and cloth masks should not be placed on young children under age five.
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18. Which of the following statements best represents OSHA's COVID-19-related Occupational Safety and Health Standards' definition of the term "close contact?"

- A. Close contact refers to being within six feet of any other person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during that person's potential period of transmission.
 - B. Close contact refers to being within six feet of any other person for a cumulative total of 35 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during that person's potential period of transmission.
 - C. Close contact refers to being within six feet of any other person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 48-hour period during that person's potential period of transmission.
 - D. Close contact refers to being within six feet of any other person for a cumulative total of 35 minutes or more over a 48-hour period during that person's potential period of transmission.
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19. Which of the following best represents an OSHA's COVID-19-related Occupational Safety and Health Standard?

- A. If the employer has more than 28 employees, a COVID-19 plan must be written.
 - B. Employers should not limit and monitor points of entry to the setting.
 - C. The employer must provide alcohol-based hand rub that is at least 20% alcohol or provide readily accessible hand washing facilities.
 - D. The employer must require each employee to promptly notify the employer when the employee is COVID-19 positive.
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20. A health care professional has questions regarding OSHA's COVID-19-related Occupational Safety and Health Standards. Which of the following informational points of interest should be communicated to the health care professional?

- A. When an employer is notified that a person who was in the workplace(s) is COVID-19 positive, the employer must, within 24 hours, notify each employee who was not wearing a respirator and any other required PPE and has been in close contact with that person in the workplace.
 - B. When an employer is notified that a person who was in the workplace(s) is COVID-19 positive, the employer must, within 48 hours, notify each employee who was not wearing a respirator and any other required PPE and has been in close contact with that person in the workplace.
 - C. The employer must support COVID-19 vaccination for each employee - however, the employer does not have to provide paid leave to each employee for vaccination and any side effects experienced following vaccination.
 - D. The employer does not have support the COVID-19 vaccination for each employee.
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