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Toolkit for Handling Vaccines

- 1. Liquid vaccines containing an adjuvant can permanently lose potency when exposed to freezing temperatures.
- A. True
- B. False
- 2. Which of the following statements is most accurate?
- A. Vaccine appearance is a reliable indicator that vaccines have been stored in appropriate conditions.
- B. Vaccine appearance is a reliable indicator that vaccines have been stored in freezing temperatures.
- C. Vaccine appearance is a reliable indicator for liquid vaccines.
- D. Vaccine appearance is not a reliable indicator that vaccines have been stored in appropriate conditions.
- 3. A dormitory-style or bar-style combined refrigerator/freezer unit may be used to store vaccines.
- A. True
- B. False
- 4. Which of the following statements regarding digital data logger (DDL) information is most accurate?
- A. DDL data should be kept for 1 year so it can be analyzed for long-term trends and/or recurring problems.
- B. DDL data should be kept for 2 years so it can be analyzed for long-term trends and/or recurring problems.
- C. DDL data should be kept for 3 years so it can be analyzed for long-term trends and/or recurring problems.
- D. DDL data should not be kept for more than 6 months.
- 5. Most empty vaccine vials are not considered hazardous or pharmaceutical waste and do not require disposal in a biomedical waste container.
- A. True
- B. False

6. Which of the following statements regarding manufacturer-filled syringes is most accurate?

- A. Once the sterile seal has been broken, the vaccine should be used or stored at room temperature.
- B. Once the sterile seal has been broken, the vaccine should be used or stored in a refrigerator.
- C. Once the sterile seal has been broken, the vaccine should be used within 24 hours or stored in a refrigerator.
- D. Once the sterile seal has been broken, the vaccine should be used or discarded by the end of the workday.

7. Diluents are not interchangeable unless specified by the manufacturer.

- A. True
- B. False

8. A fellow health care professional has questions regarding reconstituted vaccines. Which of the following informational points should be expressed to the fellow health care professional regarding reconstituted vaccines?

- A. A predrawn reconstituted vaccine may be transferred back into a vial for storage.
- B. A predrawn reconstituted vaccine may be transferred back into a vial for storage if the vaccine is stored at room temperature.
- C. A predrawn reconstituted vaccine may be transferred back into a vial for storage if the vaccine is stored in a multidose vial.
- D. Never transfer predrawn reconstituted vaccine back into a vial for storage.

9. Which of the following statements is most accurate?

- A. Partial doses from two or more vials may be used to obtain a dose of vaccine.
- B. Partial doses from two or more vials may be used to obtain a dose of vaccine if the vials are stored at room temperature.
- C. Partial doses from two or more vials may be used to obtain a dose of vaccine if the vials are stored in a refrigerator.
- D. Never use partial doses from two or more vials to obtain a dose of vaccine.

10. Which of the following statements is most accurate?

- A. A stock vial of sterile water or normal saline may be used to reconstitute vaccines.
- B. A stock vial of sterile water may be used to reconstitute vaccines, however a stock vial of normal saline may not be used to reconstitute vaccines.
- C. A stock vial of normal saline may be used to reconstitute vaccines, however a stock vial of sterile water may not be used to reconstitute vaccines.
- D. Stock vials of sterile water or normal saline should not be used to reconstitute vaccines.

11. Food/Beverage Coolers may be used to transport vaccines in an emergency situation?

- A. True
- B. False

12. Which of the following statements regarding transporting frozen vaccines is most accurate?

- A. If frozen vaccines must be transported, use a portable vaccine freezer unit or qualified container and packout that maintains temperatures between -25° C and -15° C.
- B. If frozen vaccines must be transported, use a portable vaccine freezer unit or qualified container and packout that maintains temperatures between -50° C and 15° C.
- C. If frozen vaccines must be transported, use a portable vaccine freezer unit or qualified container and packout that maintains temperatures between -50° C and -15° C.
- D. Frozen vaccines should never be transferred.

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