

Prevention of Medical Errors

Final Exam Questions

1. According to the publication “To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System”, The Institute of Medicine states that as many as _____ Americans died as a result of medical errors at the time of the report:

A) 44,000
B) 68,000
C) 94,000
D) 98,00

2. Spurred by the above statistics, many U.S. state legislatures advocated a _____ for every professional regarding ways to prevent medical errors.

A) 1 Hour course
B) 2 Hour course
C) 3 Hour course
D) 4 Hour course

3. The following are all defined as “Sentinel Events” by the Joint Commission (JC) *except*:

A) An admitted infant or a toddler dies an unexpected death
B) An admitted infant or toddler is not handed to the rightful parents or guardians
C) A patient administered with wrong blood transfusion leading to serious complications
D) A fall down the stairs in your own home after mixing drugs and alcohol

4. In the case of a “sentinel event”, the JC requires the entire event re-enacted within _____ days of the identification of the event.
- A) 30
 - B) 45
 - C) 90
 - D) 180
5. According to Florida law, adverse incidents must be reported to the Agency for Healthcare Administration within _____ days of the occurrence.
- A) 14
 - B) 21
 - C) 27
 - D) 30
6. JC stated that more than half of the sentinel events culminate either in death or complete loss of function of limb because of delays in:
- A) Attending to the patient
 - B) Phoning the MD
 - C) Finding transportation to the hospital
 - D) The arrival of ambulances
7. Incorrect prescriptions or wrong reading of prescriptions accounts for what percentage of cases?
- A) .2 to 10%
 - B) .2 to 15%
 - C) .2 to 18%
 - D) .2 to 20%

8. Five diseases or conditions most prone to wrong diagnosis and more likely to lead to deaths are:
- A) Cancer, neurological conditions, acute abdomen, surgical complications, depression-related conditions
 - B) Cancer, neurological conditions, acute abdomen, surgical complications, skin-related conditions
 - C) Cancer, neurological conditions, acute abdomen, surgical complications, weight-related conditions
 - D) Cancer, neurological conditions, acute abdomen, surgical complications, pregnancy-related conditions
9. What percentage of cancer patients are either wrongly diagnosed at different phases of their illness or there is an abnormal amount of time taken to make the right diagnosis?
- A) 10%
 - B) 12%
 - C) 15%
 - D) 20%
10. Ectopic pregnancy accounts for approximately how many pregnancy related deaths?
- A) 5 to 8%
 - B) 9 to 15%
 - C) 16 to 18%
 - D) 19 to 20%