

NURSING VENIPUNCTURE COMPETENCY TEST

Employee name: _____ Date: _____

Please do not mark answers on this test, use the answer grid provided. A copy of your corrected answer grid will be returned to you. A score of 85% is required. You will be provided further training and asked to retake the test if needed.

1. Select the most appropriate methods to fill a vein.
 - a. Hydration, gravity, cold soak to site, tap vein
 - b. Tourniquet, warm compress, pump fist
 - c. Open hand, warm compress

2. When should you wash your hands when performing a venipuncture?
 - a. Before you apply gloves and stick
 - b. Before you apply gloves for stick and after completed and gloves removed

3. When are gloves required for venipuncture?
 - a. When the blood test is for HIV confirmation
 - b. If the patient is suspected of HIV or hepatitis
 - c. For every venipuncture, no matter the test or patient

4. What gauge needle is used on the typical medical patient for a chemistry profile?
 - a. 14-16
 - b. 20-22
 - c. Always 18

5. How full are you supposed to fill the tube with blood?
 - a. 1/4" below the stopper
 - b. To the colored line on the side of the tube
 - c. How much ever blood is sucked in by the vacutainer

6. You have an order to perform a digoxin level on Mrs. Smith tomorrow, what is the best thing you can tell her?
 - a. Call Mrs. Smith and see what time she usually takes her digoxin and then schedule your visit before that dose.
 - b. Tell her to hold dose until you arrive.
 - c. Let her know it is OK to eat breakfast.

7. When you draw blood for a digoxin level, which tube do you use?
 - a. Purple top
 - b. Red tube with gel in the bottom
 - c. Blue top
 - d. Red tube without gel

8. When you take an order for lab it should say pt. name, lab requested and date due. What else should you check before making the visit?
- Location of the lab if you are delivering specimen; any special requisition to be used; what color tube is needed.
 - If insurance is paying, what labs are covered on the insurance plan.
 - Adequate supply of vacutainer needles, vacutainer holder, tourniquet, gloves, extra tubes of needed color
 - a and c
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9. What color top tube is used for protime?
- Purple
 - Blue
 - Red
 - Gray
10. What color top tube is used for CBC?
- Purple
 - Blue
 - Red
 - Gray
11. What is the best thing to tell a patient who is scheduled to have a fasting blood sugar tomorrow am?
- I will be drawing your blood at 7 am
 - I will be drawing your blood at 7 am, remain fasting until I arrive.
 - I would like to draw your blood before breakfast, what time do you eat? Schedule visit 30 mins prior to that time. Inform pt. not to eat or drink anything before your arrival.
12. The doctor asks you to check a 2 hour post prandial blood sugar. What does that mean?
- Check BS 2 hrs after breakfast
 - Check BS 2 hrs before lunch
 - Check BS 2 hrs after exercise
 - Check BS 2 hrs before bedtime
13. You have an order for a chemistry profile on Mr. Jones tomorrow. What is required?
- Fasting
 - Non-fasting

14. In home health you should always get your patient schedule the day before the visit. Why?
- It helps you to organize the coming day.
 - You may have fasting labs due.
 - You have time to read the 485's and prepare yourself for patient care
 - You may have insulin due on a patient at 7:30 am.
 - All of the above.
15. You have performed a wound culture, how is it transported to the lab?
- In igloo with ice to keep the culture refrigerated
 - In igloo at room temp so as not to stop growth of bacteria
16. When performing a venipuncture how do you insert the needle into the vein?
- Bevel up
 - Bevel down
17. Where are venipuncture needles placed after the stick?
- In a biohazard container which you brought in with you, then store it in your trunk
 - In any can in the patient kitchen trash
 - Carry needles to your car and place in biohazard container in your trunk
18. In home health a venipuncture is not a billable service. Knowing that, what must also be in your note on the day of a VP to make the visit *billable* to Medicare?
- Systems assessment
 - Some other skilled intervention or needed teaching
 - A call to the MD with report of lab result
 - Vital signs
19. What documentation is required in your note on the day of a venipuncture?
- Name of the test
 - How many sticks were required to obtain specimen
 - What was the VP site and how was stick tolerated by patient
 - What was the gauge of the needle
 - All of the above
20. You just drew blood on a pt. who is taking Coumadin, how long should you hold pressure to the site to minimize bleeding?
- 1 - 2 min.
 - 3-4 mins
 - 5-10 mins

Evaluator: _____ **Date:** _____

NURSING VENIPUNCTURE COMPETENCY ANSWER GRID

“Graders” - Place the employees answer grid on top of your answer grid and hold it up to the light for quick grading...

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