

**PT/INR MONITORING
COMPETENCY TEST**

- T F 1. Verify physician's order.
- T F 2. Let the test strips come to room temperature.
- T F 3. The patient's doctor told him why the procedure is being done so no patient teaching is necessary for this now common monitoring procedure.
- T F 4. Instruct the patient to wash his/her hands with soap and warm water before doing the finger stick.
- T F 5. Hold the meter in your hand while applying the sample to protect the meter from falling off the table.
- T F 6. The under pad of the left index finger is the only viable site for the PT/INR finger stick.
- T F 7. Errors in PT/INR readings may result if the test is not done immediately following the finger stick, the first drop of blood is not used, or if more blood is added to the target area of the test strip.
- T F 8. Make sure the code number on the test strip container and the code number on the code chip match.
- T F 9. Test strips can be stored in the refrigerator indefinitely.
- T F 10. The lancet should be disposed of in a sharps container and the test strip should be disposed of in the trash.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Test scored by: _____

Score: _____

(Passing score above 80%)

If score below 80%, the nurse should not be allowed to perform this procedure and should review Agency's competency requirements. Retake the competency test. Results should be maintained in the nurse's personnel file.

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ANSWER SHEET**

1. T
2. T
3. F
4. T
5. F
6. F
7. T
8. T
9. F
10. F

