

AUTHORIZATION TEST - VENIPUNCTURE

Name: _____

Date: _____

Circle the letter before the phrase that best completes each of the following statements.

1. Veins differ from arteries in having
 - a. higher pressure, thicker walls, valves, no pulse
 - b. lower pressure, thinner walls, valves, no pulse
 - c. no pressure, thinner walls, no valves, no pulse
 - d. lower pressure, elastic walls, valves, pulse

2. Essential safety measures for the phlebotomist include
 1. wear gloves
 2. wear a mask if the patient is in isolation
 3. dispose of needles in sharps disposal container
 4. use a syringe to transfer blood to specimen containers
 5. wash hands
 6. avoid bagging specimens
 7. glove the dominant hand only
 8. bag all specimens for transport to laboratory
 - a. 1, 2, 5, 6
 - b. 1, 3, 5, 8
 - c. 2, 4, 5, 8
 - d. 3, 4, 7, 8

3. Essential measures to ensure patient safety include
 1. complete identity check
 2. cleanse site
 3. do not allow antiseptic to dry at site prior to needle insertion
 4. do not re-palpate site once cleaned
 5. insert needle at 80° angle
 6. remove tourniquet after removing the needle
 7. apply pressure to site after needle withdrawal
 8. use the same site whenever possible
 - a. 1, 3, 7, 8
 - b. 2, 4, 5, 6
 - c. 2, 5, 6, 7
 - d. 1, 2, 4, 7

4. You can tell that a tourniquet has been secured too tightly by
 - a. absence of pulse distal to tourniquet site
 - b. distention of vein at proposed site
 - c. cyanosis above and below tourniquet site
 - d. collapse of vein at proposed site

5. Vein dilation may be achieved by all of the following except which of the following two (2):
 - a. having patient open and close fist
 - b. lowering the level of the limb to below the heart
 - c. applying warm compresses
 - d. tapping the vein

6. Three potential complications of venipuncture are
 1. infection
 2. extravasation
 3. pain
 4. bleeding
 5. clotting
 6. low blood pressure
 - a. 1,2,5
 - b. 1,3,4
 - c. 2,3,6
 - d. 3,4,6

7. To prevent the development of hematoma, the individual authorized in phlebotomy will insert the needle
 - a. with the bevel up
 - b. with the bevel down
 - c. parallel to the skin
 - d. with a rapid, deep thrust

8. To prevent the development of phlebitis, the individual authorized in phlebotomy will
 - a. wear gloves
 - b. rotate sites
 - c. use a tourniquet
 - d. apply pressure following needle withdrawal

9. After the specimen has been taken
 - a. apply moderate pressure on the needle site during withdrawal
 - b. remove the needle as quickly as possible
 - c. use a 2x2 to apply pressure to site after withdrawal
 - d. release tourniquet after needle withdrawal



- 10 If possible, when a patient has an intravenous (IV) running, where should you select a site for venipuncture?
- the opposite extremity
 - the same extremity above the IV site
 - dorsum of hand on same extremity
 - use the lower extremities

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