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### QUESTION 1

The advanced directive in a client's chart is dated August 12, 1998. The client's daughter produces a Power of Attorney for Health Care, dated 2003, which contains different care direction(s).

The nurse is supposed to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. follow the 1998 version because it's part of the legal chart
- B. follow the 1998 version because the physician's code order is based on it
- C. follow the 2003 version, place it in the chart, and communicate the update appropriately
- D. follow neither until clarified by the unit manager

Correct Answer: C

The document dated 2003 supersedes the previous version and should be used as a basis for care direction. Choices "follow the 1998 version because it's part of the legal chart" and "follow the 1998 version because the physician's code order is based on it" are incorrect because the 1998 version is now outdated. Choice "follow neither until clarified by the unit manager" is incorrect because the nurse can be held negligent for not responding to the 2003 document as directed.

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### QUESTION 2

States throughout our nation vary somewhat in terms of things that nursing assistants can and cannot legally do.

Which statements about these state to state differences are accurate? (Choose all that apply.)

- A. Nursing assistants can change catheter tubings but not catheters
- B. Nursing assistants can change sterile dressings
- C. Nursing assistants have an expanding role in many states.
- D. Nursing assistants cannot assess the physical status of the patients.
- E. Nursing assistants can apply topical medication lotions to intact skin.
- F. The trend is moving toward nurses only staffing patterns.

Correct Answer: CD

Nursing assistants have an expanding role in many states. For example, some states permit nursing assistants to take ECGs, or EKGs, and to perform phlebotomy when they are given the necessary training and have been deemed competent to do so.

Only nurses assess; nursing assistants cannot assess the physical status of the patients.

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### QUESTION 3

A client with jaundice has which skin color?

- A. pale
- B. ruddy
- C. yellow
- D. pink

Correct Answer: C

Jaundice turns the skin yellow.

The other skin colors are not symptoms of jaundice.

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### QUESTION 4

The greatest time savers when planning client care include all of the following except \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. reacting to the crisis of the moment
- B. setting goals
- C. planning
- D. specifying priorities

Correct Answer: A

The greatest time-savers when planning client care are activities that facilitate focus and completion of priority items.

Time-savers include setting goals, establishing priorities, planning tasks, delegating where appropriate, reassessment, and ongoing evaluation of needs.

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### QUESTION 5

A 55-year-old female asks a nurse the following, "Which mineral/vitamin is the most important to prevent progression of osteoporosis."

The nurse should state \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Potassium
- B. Magnesium
- C. Calcium
- D. Vitamin B12

Correct Answer: C

Calcium is the most recognized osteoporosis treatment.

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#### QUESTION 6

How many minims are contained in 1 milliliter?

- A. Between 10-11
- B. 12
- C. 20
- D. Between 15 or 16

Correct Answer: D

A minim is 1/480 of a fluid ounce or 0.0020833333333333 oz. 1 milliliter equals 0.033814 ounces.

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#### QUESTION 7

The nurse is assessing the dental status of an 18-month-old child.

How many teeth should the nurse expect to examine?

- A. 6
- B. 8
- C. 12
- D. 16

Correct Answer: C

In general, children begin dentition around 6 months of age.

During the first 2 years of life, a quick guide to the number of teeth a child should have is as follows:

Subtract the number 6 from the number of months in the age of the child. In this example, the child is 18 months old, so the formula is  $18 - 6 = 12$ . An 18-month-old child should have approximately 12 teeth.

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#### QUESTION 8

The acts enacted by states to provide immunity from liability to persons who provide emergency care at an accident scene are called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Good Samaritan laws

- B. HIPAA
- C. Patient Self-Determination Act (PSDA)
- D. OBRA

Correct Answer: A

The Good Samaritan laws protect providers of care in an emergency situation.

HIPAA's focus is confidentiality of information and right to privacy.

The PSDA concerns a client's autonomous decision-making.

OBRA was passed in the late 1980s to promote nursing home reform due to quality issues.

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#### QUESTION 9

When administering intravenous electrolyte solution, the nurse should take which of the following precautions?

- A. Infuse hypertonic solutions rapidly.
- B. Mix no more than 80 mEq of potassium per liter of fluid.
- C. Prevent infiltration of calcium, which causes tissue necrosis and sloughing.
- D. As appropriate, reevaluate the client's digitalis dosage. He might need an increased dosage because IV calcium diminishes digitalis's action.

Correct Answer: C

Preventing tissue infiltration is important to avoid tissue necrosis. To infuse hypertonic solutions rapidly is incorrect because hypertonic solutions should be infused cautiously and checked with the RN if there is a concern. To mix no more than 80 mEq of potassium per liter of fluid is incorrect because potassium, mixed in the pharmacy per physician order, is mixed at a concentration no higher than 60 mEq/L.

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#### QUESTION 10

The primary difference between practical nursing licensure and a nursing certification in an area of practice is that nursing licensure is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Insures competency and a nursing certification validates years of experience.
- B. Mandated by the American Nurses Association and a nursing certification are not.
- C. Is legally mandated by the states and a nursing certification is not.
- D. Renewed every two years and a nursing certification is renewed every five years.

Correct Answer: C

The primary difference between practical nursing licensure and a nursing certification in an area of practice is that nursing licensure is legally mandated by the states and NOT the American Nurses Association and a nursing

certification is not mandated. To practice nursing without a current and valid license is contrary to the law. Nursing licenses are renewed every two years and nursing certifications are typically renewed every three years, however, this may vary according to the particular certification. Passing the NCLEX examination and receiving a nursing license indicates that the graduate has at least the minimal competency necessary to provide safe patient care. Nursing certifications, on the other hand, validate expertise in a particular area of nursing practice.

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#### QUESTION 11

A small amount of bubbling is seen in the water seal of a pleural drainage system when a client coughs.

What should the nurse do?

- A. Consider it a normal finding.
- B. Check the system for leaks.
- C. Clamp the chest tube.
- D. Change the drainage system.

Correct Answer: A

A small amount of bubbling is a normal finding in the water seal of a pleural drainage system when a client coughs.

It is only a problem to find continuous, excessive bubbling in the water seal, which indicates a leak.

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#### QUESTION 12

The LPN notices a patient with poor gait and balance. She is currently being treated for hypertension, but the nurse is concerned.

What should the nurse do?

- A. Speak with the attending physician about his concerns and request a referral for the patient to go to the hospital gym.
- B. Speak with the attending physician about his concerns and request a referral to physical therapy.
- C. Do nothing as this has nothing to do with why the patient was hospitalized.
- D. Add this issue to the nursing care plan and have daily gait/balance training as an intervention.

Correct Answer: B

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#### QUESTION 13

Which of the following strategies should the nurse include when planning care for children of migrant workers?

- A. Delay immunization because of acute illness.

- B. Provide parents with copies of medical records.
- C. Schedule preventive services at acute illness visits.
- D. Stress the importance of using one primary care provider.

Correct Answer: B

Migrant workers should be provided with the medical records and immunization records for their children, including growth charts. The parents should also be encouraged to take those records with them to every health care visit, including Emergency Department visits.

It is important to provide immunizations even when the child is there for an acute illness because preventive care is often not obtained.

Preventive services should also be provided, not scheduled, when a child presents for an acute illness.

Using a single primary care provider is not an option for most migrant families. The nurse should ask the parents about where they are going next and give them the name, address, and phone numbers of providers there.

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#### QUESTION 14

A safety measure to implement when transferring a client with hemiparesis from a bed to a wheelchair is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. standing the client and walking him or her to the wheelchair.
- B. moving the wheelchair close to client's bed and standing and pivoting the client on his unaffected extremity to the wheelchair.
- C. moving the wheelchair close to client's bed and standing and pivoting the client on his affected extremity to the wheelchair.
- D. having the client stand and push his body to the wheelchair.

Correct Answer: B

Moving the wheelchair close to client's bed and having him stand and pivot on his unaffected extremity to the wheelchair is safer because it provides support with the unaffected limb.

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#### QUESTION 15

The LPN is caring for a patient with ascites related to liver failure. The patient becomes hypotensive and complains of cramps.

Which of the following is least likely related to the hypotension and cramps?

- A. decreased renal blood flow

- B. recent diuretics
- C. excessive IV intake
- D. increased aldosterone

Correct Answer: C

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