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# NCPT

*National Certified Phlebotomy Technician (NCPT)*

**Question:** 45
Phil the New Phlebotomy Tech accidently stuck himself with a needle just used to draw a specimen for a CBC. The patient is a young nun, who assures him, "I don't have anything you need to be worried about." Phil the New Phlebotomy Tech squeezes the site to promote bleeding, washes his puncture site, applies a bit of antibiotic ointment and a bandage over the site, and promises himself to be much more careful. What (if anything) has Phil done wrong?

A. Phil has not done anything wrong.
B. Phil did everything wrong!
C. Phil did not use tincture of iodine on his puncture site.
D. Phil did not notify his supervisor or otherwise report the injury as the guidelines of his facility instruct.

**Answer:** D

Phil did not report the injury. Needle sticks must be reported immediately after the occurrence. Each facility has guidelines on the proper reporting system. The occupational health department of the facility will offer confidential counseling, treatment and follow up care, if needed.

**Question:** 46
Between runs, Phil the New Phlebotomy Tech conducts control tests on new shipments, and checks the lot numbers for designated factors. Phil understands that this is part of his job duties. Which of the following is also part of Phil's job duties?

A. The clinical laboratory's quality assurance plan.
B. JCAHO standards.
C. The hospital's total quality management plan.
D. All of the above.

**Answer:** D

The quality control tests Phil conducts and the logs and lot number checking tasks he completes when shipments are received are part of JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) standards for clinical laboratories.

They are therefore part of a hospital's total quality management plan, and, ultimately, the clinical lab's quality assurance plan.

**Question:** 47
Phil the New Phlebotomy Tech is working in the outpatient lab. A patient has come in for a drug screening of urine. Phil places a tamper-proof urine collection cup in the bathroom designated for drug screening. After receiving the urine from the patient, Phil immediately examines the color of the urine, as well as noting the temperature. He notes his observations and initiates the chain of custody form. Why did Phil examine the color and temperature of the urine sample?

A. Phil is a curious fellow.
B. Phil is checking for evidence of tampering.
C. Phil is checking for signs of dehydration.
D. Phil is determining if drugs are present.

**Answer:** B

Phil is checking for evidence of tampering. Many chemicals, fluids, and commercially available products can be used to skew drug-screening tests. Many urine collection devices intended for this type of testing are not only tamper proof, but made with a temperature sensitive strip to measure the temperature of the urine. Acceptable urine temperature is about 95-99 degrees. Urine should also be visually examined for color and turbidity. If Phil suspects tampering, he must request a second sampling. A second sample may require direct observation of the specimen collection process.

**Question:** 48
The word partglyc/o means:

A. Salt
B. Potassium
C. Glucose
D. None of the above

**Answer:** C

Glyc/o is a word root that means sugar or, more specifically, glucose. When large amounts of glucose are stored in the body, they are directed to the liver where they are converted to the storage substance known as glycogen.

**Question:** 49
The purpose of an incident report is:

A. To get your story in before the patient does.
B. Report an incident.
C. Tell on a co-worker anonymously.
D. Admit wrong doing in writing.

**Answer:** B

An incident is required for any kind of incident, it should be completed within twenty-four hours of an occurrence. It is an internal document used to document the details of an unusual event. Incidents are not only patient injuries, an incident can be a visitor tripping, or missing patient belongings, or using the wrong colored topped tube. Incidents reports are not an admission of guilt, simply a report of the incident.

**Question:** 50
A _____ is a word part that comes at the beginning of a medical term:

A. Prefix
B. Suffix
C. Combining vowel
D. None of the above

**Answer:** A

A prefix is a word part that comes at the beginning of a medical term. A prefix is a word part that adds meaning to a combining form to give it a more precise definition. For example, the prefix pre- means before. Someone who is getting prenatal care is getting care before the birth of a baby.

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