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QUESTION 1

What is a centrifuge used for in phlebotomy?

- A. Separating blood
- B. Freezing blood
- C. Sterilizing blood
- D. Disposing of blood

Correct Answer: A

When blood has been drawn from a patient, it is often put through a centrifuge before testing.

This separates blood cells from the liquid (plasma) in which they are suspended, so they can be more easily counted and tested.

QUESTION 2

When only a small amount of blood is needed, a capillary puncture may be used.

Which of these is the best site for this in a healthy adult?

- A. Forearm
- B. Finger
- C. Thigh
- D. Buttock

Correct Answer: B

Using a capillary puncture when only a small amount of blood is needed is advantageous, especially for obese patients, those who may have bleeding problems, people who may have severe burns, etc. The fingers are generally the best site for this type of blood draw, though the toes may also be used. Remember to use the correct lancet and wipe away the first drop of blood as it will contain excessive tissue fluid.

QUESTION 3

To give informed consent to a medical procedure or course of treatment, a patient must be _____.

- A. Mentally competent
- B. Physically able
- C. Medically qualified

D. Legally trained

Correct Answer: A

Informed consent means a patient has been given a proper explanation of a treatment or procedure and is mentally able to understand its purpose, implications and any drawbacks it may have. If a person is not mentally competent to do this decisions on treatment may be made by next of kin, medical practitioners and, if there is a conflict, courts of law.

QUESTION 4

Which of the following would the HIPAA requirements apply to in a healthcare facility?

A. Physicians

B. Nurses

C. Certified nurse aids

D. All of the above.

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 5

Which bone is found superior to the patella and inferior to the ischium?

A. Calcaneus

B. Femur

C. Ulna

D. Tibia

Correct Answer: B

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