

MEDICAL ERRORS POST TEST

1. According to the Institute of Medicine report, which of the following reflect the number of people who die each year in hospitals from medical errors?
 - a. About the same number as die of HIV/AIDS.
 - b. The number approaches 100,000.
 - c. Enough to be categorized as the fifth leading cause of death in our country.
 - d. Less than die from vehicle accidents.

2. The primary reason that medical errors must be prevented is because medical errors
 - a. Are usually the fault of uninformed patients
 - b. jeopardize patient safety
 - c. lead to bad publicity
 - d. waste valuable healthcare provider time

3. Most medical errors are in fact preventable.
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. Factors that impact the occurrence of medical errors include:
 - a. Flaws in the way the system is organized.
 - b. Limited human resources of time, energy and manpower.
 - c. Poor communication
 - d. All of the above.

5. An example of a sentinel event is:
 - a. Violating client confidentiality
 - b. A death which is the result of a medication error
 - c. Misdiagnosing a bi-polar as a schizophrenic
 - d. An error which could have resulted in death or loss of limb but did not

6. Medical errors include:
 - a. Errors in diagnosis
 - b. Errors in treatment
 - c. Errors in giving medication
 - d. All of the above.

7. An unintended act, of commission or omission, adverse events, near misses and hazardous conditions that result in an unintended or negative outcome are all inside the confines of the definition of:
 - a. Sentinel events
 - b. Adverse events
 - c. Medical Errors
 - d. Root causes

8. Which populations are at greater risk for behavioral health care service delivery errors?
 - a. Patients with psychiatric illness
 - b. Elderly patients
 - c. Children
 - d. All of the above

9. According to JCAHO the most frequently reported sentinel event is:
 - a. Patient falls in nursing home
 - b. Breaches of confidentiality
 - c. Patient suicide on a locked unit
 - d. Failure to renew one's professional license

10. A Nosocomial infection is:
 - a. Highly infectious and required universal procedures
 - b. One acquired in the hospital
 - c. A form of dementia
 - d. A disorder usually seen in pediatrics

11. The public is very concerned about the medical errors issue. How can you empower your clients to protect their own safety?
 - a. Teach them to ask questions
 - b. Teach them to discuss their medications with all of their healthcare providers.
 - c. Teach them to speak up when something seems amiss.
 - d. All of the above.

12. Elder abuse recognition and reporting is so critical because:
 - a. Our population of elders is increasing steadily.
 - b. Elders typically abuse other elders in nursing homes.
 - c. Older Americans tolerate and accept elder abuse.
 - d. The fastest growing populations include those from 50 to 60 years of age.

13. Elder abuse is difficult to assess because
 - a. Seniors exaggerate their problems
 - b. A mentally impaired seniors may not be able to describe what happened to them
 - c. They don't always sign advanced directives

d. It is more important to recognize child abuse

14. A definition of iatrogenic disorder is:

- a. The effects after a person has undergone a serious trauma
- b. Disorder traceable to harmful medications or unnecessary surgery
- c. A confused state that is usually due to closed brain injury
- d. The result from not reading an agency's policies and procedures

15. Mental health providers are at risk for making errors in the following areas:

- a. Incorrect treatment
- b. Mistaken diagnosis
- c. Not doing a thorough history
- d. All of the above

