National Phlebotomy Technician Certification Exam

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1. Which of the following is the minimum required number of unique patient identifiers a phlebotomist should use prior to a blood draw?

(A) One
(B) Two
(C) Three
(D) Four

2. A phlebotomist is preparing to perform a venipuncture. Which of the following needle positions should the phlebotomist use?

(A) Bevel down at a 30° angle
(B) Bevel up at a 45° angle
(C) Bevel up at a 30° angle
(D) Bevel down at a 45° angle

3. After anchoring the vein which of the following actions should the phlebotomist take next

(A) Clean the site
(B) Perform the procedure
(C) Examine the needle
(D) Reapply the tourniquet

4. A phlebotomist is collecting a urine drug screen from a Department of Transportation employee. The phlebotomist should take the specimen temperature at which following × following collection?

(A) Before 4 min
(B) At 5 min
(C) At 15 min
(D) After 30 min

5. If a phlebotomist receives an accidental needlestick, which of the following actions should be taken first?

(A) Report the needlestick to the supervisor.
(B) Wash the area with soap and water.
(C) Complete the blood draw.
(D) Seek immediate treatment.

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6. Blood collection tubes fill correctly during venipuncture due to which of the following factors?

(A) The high pressure in the arterial system
(B) The high pressure in the venous system
(C) The positive pressure created by the tourniquet
(D) The negative pressure within the tube

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7. When performing a draw on a diabetic patient with small, fragile veins, the phlebotomist misses the patient's vein twice. The phlebotomist should do which of the following?

(A) Ask another phlebotomist to obtain the specimen.
(B) Perform the draw on a foot.
(C) Repeat the draws until the phlebotomist is successful.
(D) Perform the draw on a leg.

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8. Which of the following actions is required immediately after a phlebotomist experiences an accidental needlestick injury when drawing blood from a patient who has HIV?

(A) Report the exposure to the supervisor.
(B) Report the exposure to the CDC.
(C) Send the patient for further STI testing.
(D) Save the collection device for future evaluation.

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9. Which of the following is the correct location to anchor a vein before performing a venipuncture?

(A) 3 to 4 inches above puncture site
(B) 1 to 2 inches below puncture site
(C) 1 to 2 inches medial to the puncture site
(D) 3 to 4 inches lateral to the puncture site

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10. Which of the following needles should a phlebotomist use for a venipuncture using a winged infusion set and a 5 mL syringe?

(A) 23-gauge

(B) 18-gauge

(C) 25-gauge

(D) 27-gauge