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QUESTION 1

When choosing a site to place electrodes for an ECG test, the site should be all of these things except _____.

- A. Moist
- B. Clean
- C. Smooth
- D. Dry

Correct Answer: A

In order to achieve the best results, electrodes should be placed on a site that is clean, smooth and dry. Any moisture should be wiped away as it could interfere with the adhesion of the electrodes and so interfere with clear results.

QUESTION 2

When using a pain scale to take a patient history, nagging pain that doesn't really impose on general life or activities should be categorized as _____.

- A. 0
- B. 1?
- C. 4?
- D. 7?0

Correct Answer: B

Pain scales are often used in patient histories, particularly for patients with chronic pain, but often they are not clearly defined or explained to the patient. Generally, no pain is zero, nagging pain which doesn't impose on general life is 1 to 3, moderate pain which affects daily activities is 4 to 6, severe pain which greatly restricts activity is 7 or 8 and excruciating pain which leaves the patient disabled, screaming and possibly delirious is 9 to 10.

QUESTION 3

Which is the term for an abnormally low white blood cell count?

- A. Anemia
- B. Leukemia
- C. Leukocytosis
- D. Leukopenia

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 4

A normal pulse rate for a healthy adult should be between _____.

- A. 60?00 BPM
- B. 50?10 BPM
- C. 70?0 BPM
- D. 80?20 BPM

Correct Answer: A

The normal range for the pulse rate of a healthy adult is between 60?00 beats per minute. Any pulse rate outside this range should be reported to a physician. However, you should be aware that a pulse rate outside this range can still be healthy, for example a very fit athlete may have a pulse rate as low as 40 BPM.

QUESTION 5

What does asepsis mean?

- A. Sterile
- B. Free of disease causing agents
- C. Visually clean
- D. All of the above

Correct Answer: B

The ideal situation in a medical environment is for it to be sterile, but in practice this is virtually impossible to achieve, as even healthy people carry bacteria with them. Therefore the aim of cleaning procedures in hospitals is to achieve asepsis (which is also used as a term for the procedures), which means there are no disease causing agents present. Medical asepsis such as would be used on a ward aims to reduce the number of disease-causing organisms, whereas surgical asepsis as used in theatre aims to eliminate them.

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