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QUESTION 1

A 54-year-old male who smokes presents to the pulmonary laboratory for chronic cough and dyspnea on exertion. PFT and blood gas results show the following:

FVC	3.0 L
FEV₁	1.56 L
FEV₁/FVC	52%

pH	7.39
PaCO₂	45 torr
PaO₂	68 torr
HCO₃⁻	28 mEq/L
SaO₂	86%
COHb	8%

Which of the following should the pulmonary function technologist recommend?

- A. DLco measurement
- B. Oxygen therapy with exercise
- C. Trial of varenicline (Chantix)
- D. Lung volume measurement

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 2

A patient who is about to begin pulmonary function testing is visibly upset and complains to a pulmonary function technologist that she felt a receptionist was rude to her. Which of the following should the technologist do?

- A. Try to get the patient to calm down by telling her that the receptionist is probably just having a bad day.
- B. Give the patient time to calm down and ask the laboratory manager to become involved.
- C. Ignore the complaint because it is not going to affect the testing about to begin.
- D. Accompany the patient back to the reception area and try to determine who was at fault.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 3

During daily quality control procedures on an infrared CO₂ analyzer, a pulmonary function technologist is unable to adjust the gain to the calibration gas concentration. Which of the following is the most likely explanation?

- A. Water droplets in the sample cell
- B. Saturation of the soda lime
- C. Presence of high levels of oxygen
- D. Increased gas sampling rate

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 4

A patient has just finished a 6-minute walk test during which she stopped and rested by leaning against a wall several times, while catching her breath. Which of the following should a pulmonary function technologist do?

- A. Document the total distance the patient covered in 6 minutes.
- B. Repeat the test with supplemental oxygen after the patient is fully rested.
- C. Subtract the time spent at rest and report the distance walked during the time spent walking.
- D. Report that the patient was unable to complete a standard 6-minute walk test.

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 5

After finishing the exercise portion of a test for exercise-induced bronchospasm, a patient complains of difficulty "catching her breath." A pulmonary function technologist should

- A. Give the patient a bronchodilator.
- B. Administer oxygen at 2 L/min.
- C. Instruct the patient to breathe normally.
- D. Have the patient perform an FVC maneuver.

Correct Answer: A

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