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Advanced Cardiac Life Support

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**QUESTION 1**

## SIMULATION

If while ventilating a patient the chest does not rise and fall, what should you do after repositioning the head?

A. If air is escaping from under the mask, reposition fingers and mask.

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 2**

## SIMULATION

When does the principle of implied consent apply to mentally incompetent adults?

A. When life-threatening situations exist and the legal guardian is not available for consent.

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 3**

## SIMULATION

In order to obtain expressed consent from a patient, that patient must . . .

A. Be of legal age, be able to make rational decisions, and must be informed of the steps of the procedures and all related risks.

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 4**

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Identify the condition in which a patient's heat gained exceeds the patient's heat loss.

A. Hyperthermia

Correct Answer: A

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## QUESTION 5

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What is the most common side effect of nitroglycerin?

A. Headache

Correct Answer: A

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## QUESTION 6

T/F: An automated defibrillator can accurately diagnose ventricular fibrillation during chest compressions.

A. True

B. False

Correct Answer: B

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## QUESTION 7

SIMULATION

What is the location and function of the vena cava?

A. The vena cava is broken into two sections: the superior vena cava, which originates in the upper chest, and the inferior vena cava, which originates in the abdomen. The function of the vena cava is to carry this blood to the right atrium.

Correct Answer: A

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## QUESTION 8

SIMULATION

What precautions should you take in ventilating a patient with suspected trauma or neck injury?

A. Immobilize the head and neck. Have an assistant immobilize or immobilize between your knees.

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 9**

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How often should you repeat ventilations on a child?

A. Every 3 seconds

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 10**

Which of the following patients require intubation? (Choose two.)

A. conscious with a suspected stroke

B. unconscious with no gag reflex

C. normotensive with third degree heart block

D. cardiac arrest after three unsuccessful countershocks

Correct Answer: BD

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**QUESTION 11**

T/F: DNR orders require a written order from a physician.

A. True

B. False

Correct Answer: A

In most jurisdictions.

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**QUESTION 12**

Sodium bicarbonate should be considered in arrests caused by: Tricyclic overdose, hyperkalemia, and preexisting metabolic acidosis

In the treatment of an 80-kg adult in ventricular tachycardia with a pulse, which of the following schedules of lidocaine is preferred?

A. 80 mg IV bolus followed by an infusion at 2? mg/min

B. 160 mg IV bolus every 10 minutes up to a total of 500 mg

C. 160 mg IV bolus followed by an infusion at 6 mg/min

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D. 400 mg IV bolus followed by an infusion at 1? mg/min

Correct Answer: A

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### QUESTION 13

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In a patient with a hypothermic cardiac arrest that remains in VF/VT after three defibrillations, what should be done next if VF/VT persists?

A. Incubate and obtain IV access

Correct Answer: A

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### QUESTION 14

SIMULATION

Identify the location of arterioles within the circulatory system.

A. Arterioles are the smallest branches of an artery leading to the capillaries.

Correct Answer: A

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### QUESTION 15



A patient has been resuscitated from cardiac arrest and is being prepared for transport. She is incubated and is receiving 100% oxygen. During the resuscitation she received 2 doses of epinephrine 1 mg, atropine 1 mg, and lidocaine 100 mg IV. You now observe the above rhythm on the cardiac monitor. The rhythm abnormality is becoming more frequent and increasing in number. You should order:

A. Give amiodarone 300 mg IV, start infusion

- B. Give lidocaine 1 to 1.5 mg IV
- C. Repeat epinephrine 1 mg IV
- D. Give lidocaine 0.5 to 0.75 mg/kg IV, start lidocaine infusion
- E. Give amiodarone 150 mg IV, start infusion

Correct Answer: D

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