

CPD QUESTIONNAIRE 13.5 ETHICS

Article: Preventing adverse events (AE's) and promoting safer outcomes for patients in dentistry

Hartshorne, page 28. (Please note, some questions have more than one answer)

1. Which of the following statements relating to ethical considerations in promoting safer outcomes in dentistry are TRUE?
 - a Dental treatment is immune to medical errors
 - b The ethical principle of non-maleficence is enshrined in the Hippocratic principle 'Primum Non Nocere'
 - c The ethical principle of justice is enshrined in the Hippocratic principle 'Primum Non Nocere'
 - d Promotion of patient safety is an ethical and legal obligation in dentistry
2. Which of the following statements relating the nature of adverse events (AE's) are TRUE?
 - a AE's or medical errors can occur at any point along the continuum of care
 - b AE's are defined as unexpected results of medical or dental treatment
 - c AE's may be preventable or unavoidable
 - d An adverse reaction to the administration of a local anaesthetic in a patient without clinical pathology of allergy history is an example of a preventable AE
3. Which of the following statements relating the frequency and incidence of (AE's) are TRUE?
 - a Most reported AE's resulted in little or no permanent harm to patients
 - b The estimated prevalence of AE's in dentistry is mostly overreported
 - c Patient safety incidents in dento-maxillofacial imaging are common
 - d The general consensus is that the incidence of AE's in dental practice to patients is low
 - e The highest frequencies of reported systemic adverse events outcomes were due to ingestion of inhalation of instruments or foreign objects during dental procedures
4. Which of the following statements relating to human errors are TRUE?
 - a The design and operation of systems could provoke human error or worsen its impact when it occurred
 - b Workplace related precursors includes key elements such as lack of confidence and inexperience related to knowledge, skills and ability
 - c According to the 'systems approach' preventing human errors are based on eliminating error traps in the workplace and the organizational processes
 - d Human errors are seen as causes rather than consequences
5. The principle proposed for development of a safety culture is based on the principle of: "We cannot change the human condition, but we can change conditions under which humans work" (TRUE or FALSE?)
 - a True
 - b False
6. Which of the following statements relating to risk management are TRUE?
 - a Latent risk factors are human factors that may not be directly visible nor manifest immediately in the working environment.
 - b Latent risk factors pose a serious risk to safety therefore early identification is crucial to minimise any potential unforeseen complications and harm
 - c Focussing on eliminating precursors to human errors is more meaningful to manage risk in the workplace
 - d Root cause analysis should focus on individual performance rather than systems and processes
7. Developing and implementing evidence-based mitigating strategies specifically targeting preventable patient harm and promoting safer outcomes does not result in major health care service quality improvements (TRUE or FALSE?)
 - a True
 - b False
8. Which of the following statements relating to key principles preventing AE's and promoting safer outcomes are TRUE?
 - a Establish a culture of safety
 - b Develop systems and protocols that encourage safety and limits AE's
 - c Knowledge and skills development is not required to provide safe care
 - d Effectively recognize and respond to AE's
9. The goal of developing systems and protocols that limit AE's is: "to make it more difficult to do the wrong thing, and easy to do the right thing" (TRUE or FALSE?)
 - a True
 - b False
10. Which of the following statements relating to best patient safety practices in the clinical dental setting are TRUE?
 - a Actively engage the patient in the planned treatment and informed consent
 - b Main and check clinical records
 - c Prescribe medication to a patient without consulting patient clinical record
 - d Choose diagnostic systems that emit the maximum amount of ionizing radiation

To download the CPD and Ethics Answer Forms for the questionnaires, please visit the CPD link at:
www.moderndentistrymedia.com
or email: dentsa@iafrica.com