Learner Feedback Questions #335

1. The seminal document that alerted healthcare professionals and the public about the increase in medication errors in the U.S. in 2000 was:
   a. Joint Commission Medication Safety Goals
   b. IOM report “To Err Is Human”
   c. IOM report “Crossing the Quality Chasm”
   d. AORN “Safety Net” for Near Misses

2. The best solution to date for the medication safety problem, embraced by those charged to remediate problems, has come from:
   a. the American Pharmacists Association
   b. physicians can override the system
   c. the information provided by the system is
   d. users delay actions when the system

3. Which of the following remedial efforts HAS NOT been credited with improved medication safety?
   a. CPOE
   b. hospital-wide, web-based education programs
   c. CDS
   d. barcoding

4. Data from CPOE, shows the greatest decrease in medication errors has been in:
   a. illegibility of medications ordered
   b. missing information
   c. reduction in use of inappropriate abbreviations
   d. orders executed in faster time

5. When CPOE is combined with CDS, besides fewer medication errors, what other benefit occurs?
   a. human errors are reduced
   b. product mislabeling is decreased
   c. less medical expenditures
   d. use of inappropriate abbreviations

6. When the “sterile cockpit” concept is in place, what intervention to improve patient safety should be in place?
   a. the medication room is considered a sterile space
   b. nurses are protected from distractions/interruptions when preparing or dispensing meds
   c. the nurse responsible for medication administration is the only person who communicate with pharmacy personnel
   d. nurses must ask visitors to leave the patient’s bedside when administering meds

7. A common complaint of CPOE in a hospital system is:
   a. physicians not oriented to the system
   b. inability of system to always find duplicate or conflicting orders
   c. nurses do not receive information that medication orders have been changed
   d. physicians ordering medications who don’t have privileges at hospital

8. The error that can occur when a CDS system is in place is:
   a. users delay actions when the system suggests another drug be administered
   b. physicians can override the system command
   c. the information provided by the system is not easily processed by users
   d. if user does not provide complete patient data, the system cannot detect error

9. The BCM system prevents errors if “workarounds” are prevented. This can best be done by:
   a. programming the nursing workflow process for the specific practice setting
   b. maintaining the processes programmed and not making changes
   c. checking nurses on their ability to use the system correct at regular intervals
   d. having engineering check scanners for any malfunctioning weekly

10. The best statement to summarize the effectiveness of HIT-enabled systems at present in decreasing medication errors is that HIT-enabled systems are:
    a. regarded as a panacea to medication error reduction
    b. seen as a natural and normal part of clinical practices
    c. largely only in used in multihospital network systems
    d. readily accepted as a safety feature by all nurses

Evaluation

1. I can describe the function of CPOE, CDS and BCM technologies in improving medication safety.
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

2. I can describe the current recommendations for therapeutic hypothermia post cardiac arrest and outline the process of treatment.
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

3. I can identify the barriers to implementing an HIT system in healthcare organizations today.
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

4. The objectives relate to the overall goal of the article.
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

5. The article is well-written and logically outlines the process of treatment.
   a. strongly agree
   b. agree
   c. neutral
   d. disagree
   e. strongly disagree

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