Back to Basics: Preventing Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens

Questions

1. The following is true about bloodborne pathogens except:
   A. Bloodborne pathogens are viruses, bacteria or microorganisms that enter the bloodstream and cause disease
   B. Bloodborne pathogens are found in all body fluids
   C. The most common bloodborne pathogens include HIV, Hepatitis B virus, and Hepatitis C virus
   D. Bloodborne pathogens can be transmitted anytime a person has direct contact with blood or potentially infectious body fluids

2. The transmission of bloodborne pathogens may occur during the following:
   A. Cleaning used instruments
   B. Giving an injection
   C. During procedures when handling sharps
   D. All of the above

3. Sharps safety products, also known as safer medical devices, include all of the following except:
   A. Child proof packaging
   B. Plastic blood collection tubes
   C. Safer needle devices
   D. Needless systems

4. True or False. Regardless of which safety devices your facility uses, effective work practice controls will always be needed in order to minimize the risk of infection.

5. Which of the following statements regarding work practice controls is false?
   A. Hand hygiene is the most effective way to prevent infection.
   B. When working with needles of any kind, even safer needle devices, do not bend, break, or remove contaminated needles.
   C. If recapping is absolutely necessary, use the two-handed scoop method to replace the cap.
   D. Never empty or clean a sharps container by hand

6. True or False. Potentially infectious materials such as specimens or blood can be refrigerated near food, drinks and medication.

7. The following is true regarding disinfection of equipment and work surfaces:
   A. Equipment should be decontaminated after use and before it is sent for service or cleaning.
   B. Equipment and work surfaces should be disinfected after completing procedures that involve exposure to blood or body fluids.
   C. The patient care environment should be disinfected after each patient use.
   D. All of the above
8. The following can be said about personal protective equipment or PPE:
A. PPE should only be worn when there is blood present
B. Gloves can be reused if they are cleaned thoroughly and dried properly
C. Wear surgical masks and eye protection to protect mucous membranes of the eyes, nose and mouth during all patient care activities in which a splash or spray of body fluids may occur.
D. All of the above

9. True or False. Every facility must offer the HIV vaccine to employees with the potential for job-related exposure to bloodborne pathogens.

10. If you are exposed to a blood or body fluids, perform the following except:
A. Blot the blood away and put a band-aid on the wound
B. Report the incident immediately to your supervisor
C. Wash the affected area with soap and water and/or flush eyes with water
D. Have post exposure followup that includes a confidential medical evaluation, testing, counseling, and treatment if indicated.