CME Credit Quiz

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SELECT THE BEST ANSWER(S) FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING

- 1. Colorectal cancer is the second most common cancer affecting Canadians, and the fourth most common cause of cancer-related death.
- a) True
- b) False
- 2. What is the estimated lifetime probability of developing colorectal cancer?
- a) 3%
- b) 6%
- c) 10%
- d) 12%
- 3. Increased-risk individuals make up what percentage of colorectal cancer cases?
- a) 7% to 10%
- b) 15% to 20%
- c) 70% to 75%
- 4. Randomized, prospective studies have demonstrated a 15% to 33% decrease in colorectal cancer-related deaths.
- a) True
- b) False
- 5. What is the gold standard screening test for colorectal cancer?
- a) Fecal occult blood test
- b) Flexible sigmoidoscopy
- c) Air contrast barium enema
- d) Colonoscopy

- 6. It is estimated that the risk of death for colonoscopy ranges between:
- a) 1/1,000 to 2/1,000
- b) 3/1,000 to 5/1,000
- c) 1/10,000 to 3/10,000

(Colorectal Cancer Screening; page 69)

- 7. Which aspect of the PRICE acronym of care could a patient be allergic to?
- a) Protect
- b) Rest
- c) Ice
- d) Compression
- e) Elevate
- 8. When a patient feels pain upon movement of a joint, a mechanical obstruction is less likely if the joint can be moved:
- a) Actively
- b) Passively

(Sports Injuries; page 78)

- 9. The normal pH range is:
- a) 7.15 to 7.24
- b) 7.25 to 7.30
- c) 7.35 to 7.45
- d) 7.5 to 7.6
- 10. Protein and lipid catabolism produce fixed acids, such as carbonic acid (H_2CO_3) .
- a) True
- b) False

11. Acidosis can occur with which of the following?

- a) Renal failure
- b) Increased production of ketones
- c) Ingestion of salicylates
- d) Ingestion of methanol
- e) All of the above

12. In the kidney, HCO₃⁻ filtered by the glomeruli is reabsorbed by:

- a) Proximal tubular cells
- b) Distal tubular cells

(Acid-Base Interpretation; page 83)

13. According to the author, what is optimal blood pressure?

- a) < 120/70 mmHg
- b) < 140/90 mmHg
- c) < 160/90 mmHg

14. What percentage of Canadians have hypertension that is adequately controlled?

- a) 10%
- b) 20%
- c) 30%
- d) 40%
- e) 60%

15. What is the minimum recommended rest time before taking a patient's blood pressure?

- a) Two minutes
- b) Five minutes
- c) Seven minutes
- d) 10 minutes

16. If a patient has proteinuria and hypertension, what is the target blood pressure?

- a) < 160/90 mmHg
- b) < 140/90 mmHg
- c) < 130/80 mmHg
- d) < 125/75 mmHg

17. Which of the following medications could be used as first-line therapy in a patient with hypertension and no comorbid conditions?

- a) Thiazide diuretics
- b) Beta blockers
- c) Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors
- d) Angiotensin receptor blockers
- e) Any of the above

(Update on Hypertension; page 89)

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- 1. By age 60, what percentage of men have testosterone deficiency?
- a) 10%
- b) 20%
- c) 30%
- d) 40%
- 2. Which of the following is not a result of true hypogonadism?
- a) Reduced muscle mass and strength
- b) Increased fat mass
- c) Increased bone density
- d) Fatigue
- 3. Increasing testosterone in men who are not overly hypogonadal will improve sexual function.
- a) True
- b) False
- 4. What is the most common cause of hypogonadism?
- a) Primary testicular failure
- b) Hypothalamic-pituitary dysfunction
- 5. The Women's Health Initiative (WHI) study concluded that continuous, combined conjugated estrogen plus medroxyprogesterone acetate was not effective for the primary prevention of heart failure.
- a) True
- b) False
- 6. The WHI study showed that the breast cancer risk in those who use hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for five years or more was less than 0.1% per year of use.
- a) True
- b) False

- 7. Consuming three alcoholic beverages per day increases the rate of breast cancer by how much?
- a) 12 per 1,000
- b) 17 per 1,000
- c) 23 per 1,000
- d) 30 per 1,000
- 8. Lack of exercise increases the rate of breast cancer by how much?
- a) 12 per 1,000
- b) 17 per 1,000
- c) 27 per 1,000
- d) 34 per 1,000
- 9. Food allergies are typically induced by which of the following?
- a) Carbohydrates
- b) Fats
- c) Proteins
- 10. Which of the following are priority food allergens?
- a) Cow's milk
- b) Soy
- c) Fish
- d) a & c
- e) All of the above
- 11. The prevalence of allergy to peanut and tree nuts in North America is approximately:
- a) 0.5%
- b) 1.1%
- c) 2.5%
- d) 3.7%
- 12. Which of the following is/are helpful investigations for food allergies?
- a) Prick skin tests
- b) Radioallergosorbent (RAST) blood tests
- c) Skin biopsy
- d) a & b
- e) All of the above

Questions and answers from the August 2003 quiz Correct answers are marked in **bold**

- 13. Negative prick skin tests and negative RAST tests are very accurate.
- a) True
- b) False
- 14. Which of the following symptoms or signs alone, or in combination, indicate the possibility of community-acquired pneumonia (CAP)?
- a) Pleuritic chest pain
- b) Sputum production
- c) Crackles
- d) Bronchial breathing
- e) All of the above
- 15. The author suggests followup chest X-rays to document complete clearing of the pneumonia in patients over 45 because:
- a) Medication should be continued until the chest X-rays clear.
- b) Lung cancer will be diagnosed in 2% of patients on subsequent X-rays.

- 16. Which of the following tests is not helpful in confirming a suggested CAP?
- a) Complete blood count
- b) Blood urea nitrogen
- c) Oxygen saturation
- d) Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 17. The author suggests blood cultures should be performed on which of the following patients with pneumonia?
- a) Patients with temperatures between 36 C and 39 C
- b) Patients with diabetes
- c) Those with chronic renal failure who are receiving hemodialysis
- d) All those going to be admitted
- e) All of the above

