National Patient Safety Goals: Quiz*

Goal #1: Patient Identification

1. True or false: Goal #1 requires the use of two patient identifiers when providing service, treatment, or care to a patient.

2. Two patient identifiers should be used before __________.
   a. drawing blood or obtaining other specimens
   b. administering medications
   c. transporting a patient to a test or procedure
   d. all of the above

3. At MGH, it is acceptable to use the following two identifiers
   a. For inpatients, name and MRN
   b. For inpatients, name and room number
   c. For outpatients, name and DOB
   d. A, B, C
   e. A and C

4. True or false: If you've been caring for the patient for days and know him really well, you don’t need to use two identifiers.

5. True or false: When you draw blood or obtain a specimen, you must label the tubes or containers in the presence of the patient.

6. True or false: When you label a specimen container, you can label either the cap or the container.

7. Two-patient identifier goal applies to the following when they are providing a treatment or service to the patient:
   a. PCA’s and others using the glucometer
   b. Nutrition Service Associates serving a special diet
   c. Volunteers escorting discharged patients to the lobby
   d. Transporters taking a patient to x-ray
   e. A and D only
   f. All of the above

8. True or false: Goal # 1 also focuses on reducing the number of transfusion errors related to patient misidentification.

9. The transfusion verification process requires
   a. That two qualified RNs (one who has completed the MGH educational packet and competency process for blood administration, and one who has completed the verification education process) or a physician and a qualified RN participate in the verification process
   b. That verification take place at the bedside
   c. That one of the individuals who participated in the verification process initiate the transfusion
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