

## Hand Hygiene Post Test – SMH

1. Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ patients die each year as a result of a direct or indirect cause of the infection they acquire from their hospitalization.
  - a. 112,000
  - b. 90,000
  - c. 75,000
  - d. 50,000
  
2. Joshua died \_\_\_\_days after his admission to the hospital from a healthcare-acquired infection. His mother was quoted as saying: “In the end, the ounce of prevention costs so little in comparison to the loss of another life.”
  - a. 10 days
  - b. 25 days
  - c. 51 days
  - d. 120 days
  
3. A component of the *Safecare* Campaign and the Joint Commission *Speak up* Campaign empowers patients to ask their healthcare provider if he/she cleaned their hands before patient contact.

True

False
  
4. Hospital-acquired infections result in prolonged illness, extended length of stay and even long-term disability and death for millions of patients worldwide. Research in the United States has found that U.S. hospitals lose \_\_\_\_\_ for every hospital-acquired infection.
  - a. \$100
  - b. \$20,000
  - c. \$583--\$4,886
  - d. \$50
  
5. Healthcare provider “A” was documenting on a computer on wheels and then verified a physician order in the patient’s chart. Healthcare provider “A” then proceeded directly to take a patient’s blood pressure without performing hand hygiene. Is this a patient safety issue?

Yes                      No

6. Sharp Healthcare's policy on hand hygiene states that to effectively wash your hands during patient care activities, \_\_\_\_\_ seconds of friction with soap and water is necessary. Cleaning your hands with an alcohol based hand rub is an alternative to handwashing if there is no visible soil; it takes less time than handwashing, and is less drying on the hands.
- a. 5 seconds
  - b. 10 seconds
  - c. 15 seconds
  - d. 30 seconds
7. You must clean your hands in the following clinical situations:
- a. before and after contact with a patient.
  - b. when moving from a contaminated body site to a clean body site during patient care.
  - c. after contact with inanimate objects in the immediate vicinity of the patient.
  - d. after glove removal
  - e. all of the above
8. Environmental surfaces are often contaminated with bacteria.
- True      False
9. The Joint Commission expects hand hygiene to occur \_\_\_\_ percent of the time when it is indicated.
- a. 50
  - b. 75
  - c. 90
10. A patient is transported on a gurney back to his room after having a procedure performed. The patient is in Contact Precautions because he has been diagnosed with *Clostridium difficile*-associated diarrhea. Which of the following answer is true?
- a. An alcohol based hand rub can be used for hand hygiene.
  - b. Handwashing must be performed before leaving the patient's room.
  - c. There is no need for hand hygiene because gloves were worn when transferring the patient from the gurney to the bed.