**2018 National Patient Safety Goals Questions**

**Identify Patients Correctly:**

What are the two patient identifiers that I must use at my clinical site each time I administer medications?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals—Identify patients correctly)*

When should lab specimens collected by the nurse be labeled?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals—Identify patients correctly)*

**Improve Staff Communication:**

If any of my patient’s lab results were “critical” or “panic values” what is the policy at my clinical site that guides me as to how quickly the physician must be notified?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals—Improve staff communication)*

**Use Medicines Safely:**

Have I made sure that ALL medications are labeled, to include syringes, cups, and basins?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals—Use medicines safely)*

What can I do with my patient to promote and ensure that they take their anti-coagulants such as Warfarin safely and with no harmful consequences?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals—Use medicines safely)*

What are my responsibilities as a primary nurse when my patient is admitted to ensure that all of their home medications, dosages, and when last taken are accurate for the physician?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals—Use medicines safely)*

What are my responsibilities as a primary nurse when my patient is discharged to ensure that they are knowledgeable and compliant with their ordered home medications?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals—Use medicines safely)*

**Prevent Infection:**

What can I do before I go into my patient’s room and before I leave that will dramatically decrease the risk/rate of infection?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals—Prevent infections)*

What are some practical, evidence-based practices I can implement to prevent infection due to multidrug-resistant organisms such as MRSA or VRE?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals— Prevent infections)*

What are some practical, evidence-based practices I can implement to prevent bloodstream infection due to central lines, including PICC?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals— Prevent infections)*

What are some practical, evidence-based practices I can implement to prevent surgical site infections?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals— Prevent infections)*

What are some practical, evidence-based practices I can implement to prevent indwelling urinary catheter infections?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals— Prevent infections)*

**Identify patient safety risks:**

How can I find out which patients are at risk for suicide?

*(2018 National Patient Safety Goals— Patient safety risks)*

**Universal Protocol for Any Invasive Procedure:**

What is a “timeout” and what does it consist of that must be done before starting any invasive procedure?

*(2012 National Patient Safety Goals— Universal protocol)*