

Applied Phlebotomy

Video Series

PACE® Continuing Education Exam

Video title: Successful Strategies for Difficult Draws

Choose the one best answer to the questions or statements below

- 1) Samples drawn from a vascular-access device are more likely to be _____.
 - A) hemolyzed
 - B) lipemic
 - C) contaminated
 - D) both A & C

- 2) Factors that lead to difficult draws include:
 - A) dehydration
 - B) loss of patency
 - C) low blood pressure
 - D) all of the above

- 3) Solutions for difficult draws include:
 - A) lowering the arm
 - B) applying a warm compress
 - C) slapping the patients antecubital
 - D) both A&B

- 4) When faced with a difficult draw, phlebotomist should consider:
 - A) capillary punctures
 - B) using a smaller gauge needle
 - C) using short-draw tubes
 - D) all of the above

- 5) When performing a pediatric draw, phlebotomist may use which method(s) to help soothe the child?
 - A) leg massage
 - B) parental hugging hold
 - C) skin-to-skin positioning
 - D) all of the above

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- 6) It is acceptable to pop the stopper off of a tube and mix contents.
True or False
- 7) Veins that are very difficult to find can be marked by:
A) taking a pen and putting a dot where the needle should be inserted
B) using an alcohol wipe as a pointer above where the needle should be inserted
C) a drop of iodine
D) either A or C
- 8) A tourniquet left on longer than one minute should be released for how many minutes before putting it back on?
A) 5
B) 3
C) 1
D) 2
- 9) If a physician has ordered EMLA cream to be applied to an infant during a venipuncture, when should it be applied?
A) 10 minutes prior to the draw
B) just before inserting the needle
C) one hour before the venipuncture
D) 30 minutes before the draw
- 10) EMLA cream is most effective on children over 7 years of age.
True or False
- 11) If no veins are accessible in the antecubital area, the _____ is also an acceptable site.
A) back of the hand
B) top of the foot or ankle
C) thumb-side of the wrist
D) either A or C

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12) Performing a venipuncture on the feet or ankles requires _____, and only should be done if it's in your facility's policy to do so.

- A) nurse's permission
- B) patient's permission
- C) physician's permission
- D) laboratory's permission

13) Another study evaluated 500 hemolyzed samples and found that ____ of them were hemolyzed due to being drawn too vigorously into the syringe.

- A) 78%
- B) 50%
- C) 38%
- D) 18%