MA211 Medical Assisting Lab III

Critical Thinking 3

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1. What types of medication should the medical assistant consider when obtaining a medical history. What information about these medications should be documented in the patient's chart?

   Any and all medication current and recent should be recorded in a patient's medical history that a patient has taken. This includes any OTC drugs, prescribed drugs, and herbal medications. The information needed for documentation on a medication would be name of medications, dose that was taken, duration the medication was taken, and any side effects the patient may have experienced especially if it was an allergic reaction.

2. Why is it important for medical assistants to use drug references to check medication that they are not familiar with?

   It is important to use drug references because every medication is different. Medications have precautions such as special conditions of the patient, the drug, or the environment. Some medications can be administered only at certain times of the day. Drug references also explain adverse reactions of the medication, so it is important to what the reactions are in case the patient is experiencing any of them after taking the medication.

3. 3-year-olds twins Cody and Cole, have just been placed into foster care. They have no proof of any immunizations. What is the catch up schedule for these children?

   The twins should be caught up on vaccines as soon as possible, Hep B, DTap, Hib, PCV13, IIV in the fall, MMR, Hep A, can all be done.

4. Why is it important for medical assistants to know the laws and regulations regarding prescription and drug administration in the state of practice?

   Every state has different laws and regulations regarding what a medical assistants scope of practice is. In some states MA's are not allowed to administer drugs.

5. Dr. Smith serves both pediatric and geriatric populations, summarize key items that should be considered in these specialties?

It is important to understand that pediatric and geriactric patients are more prone to catching the flu or the common cold, and should take extra precaution so they do not catch something that can be deadly to them as opposed to the average healthy adult. It is also important to understand that most pediatric and geriatric patients have a hard time absorbing and metabolizing certain medications because medications are absorbed through the liver and can cause damage to pediatric and geriatric patients.