

MA111 Medical Assisting Lab I

Critical Thinking 2

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1. What are the components of a physical examination? Examination of the head, eyes, nose, throat and ears then palpations on the abdomen. After that examine the arms and legs. Examine the reproductive organs as well as central sensory nerves to test how the brain is reacting. (sharp, dull pain)
2. Identify some barriers to communication and how does this impact the patient assessment? The patient is nonverbal, or cannot see or hear. This can impact asking the patients questions, having them able to read something or understand what you are saying during the assessment. Most will feel embarrassed.
3. What is the medical assistant's role in preparing and assisting with the physical examination? The medical assistants job is too help the provider with vitals as well as handling instruments as well as handing instruments to the provider. Our job is to make the appointment go smoothly and takes pressure off of the provider.

4. Identify 5 instruments used in the physical examination and what are they used for?
Otoscope is used for examining the ears. The ophthalmoscope is used for examining the eyes. The tuning fork is used for testing hearing acuity. A percussion hammer is used to test reflexes and the stethoscope is used for listening for different sounds, such as a heartbeat.

5. Why is documentation in the medical record such an important part of preparing the patient for a physical examination? Because if you don't document preparing the patient it never happened and will have to do it again.

6. Why is it important for the medical assistant to do a short inventory of each examination room at the end of the day and replace supplies as needed after each patient examination? To make sure you don't run out of supplies for the next shift. No patient wants to wait for you to have to go find something that should had been there in the first place. Not only that, your staff will be mad that you didn't restock supplies because you never checked the inventory.

7. Why is it important for a medical assistant to be in the room when a female patient is being examined by a male physician or a male patient is being examined by a female physician? Unfortunately, sometimes male physicians and even female physicians can be accused of sexual assault even if it didn't happen. This covers the medical assistant, the provider, and the patient.

