

MA211
Week 3
Critical Thinking Question

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All Answers Must be in Complete Sentences

1. Dr. Thau serves both pediatric and geriatric patients. Summarize key items that Dorothy, the medical assistant, should consider when administering medications to these specialty patient population groups.

- **Dorothy should be checking for doses and making sure its safe, the differences in strength and dosing for these patients vary. Also make sure she knows the weights before starting those calculation.**

2. 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?

- **All daily medications even the herbal ones should be documented including strength, dose and name.**

3. Why is it important for a medical assistant to know the laws and regulations related to prescriptions and drug administration in the state of practice?

- **The medical assistant should know their states laws and regulations to make sure they are staying within their scope of practice since each state has their own laws that MA's must abide by.**

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

- **So they know the correct and safe doses/strengths to be administrating. As MA's you should also know side effects that may affect the patient so that they are aware.**

5. 17-year-old Rylie is applying for college. He has a copy of his immunizations that has Hep B at birth, received the required DTAP, IPV and HIB at 2, 4, 6 months, Pneumococcol at 2, 4, 6 and 15 months. Never received the Varicella vaccine, and is not sure if he had chicken pox. Received MMR at 15 months, and 4 years old. Patient had labwork done that indicate his varicella titer was negative, and MMR was equivocal. What is the next step needed for immunizations? Immunization record attached.

- **Retested for the MMR antibodies and then given the Varicella vaccine since his titer was negative. Make sure this is all documented and dated correctly.**

6. Roger has diabetes, and COPD. He had is last pneumonia vaccine at age 56 (PCV7 Pevnar). He is turning 65 next month. What is the requirements for the pneumonia vaccine per CDC?

- **He needs the Pevnar 13 at 65 years old.**

7. 3-year-olds twins Kyle and Abby have just been placed into foster care. They have no proof of any immunizations. What is the catch up schedule for these children?

- **The doses need to be 4-8 weeks apart if they are being done late via the CDC Catch Up schedule for vaccines.**