

Med Calc Exam 2 Practice Questions

1. A nurse is preparing to administer furosemide (Lasix) 3 mg/kg/dose PO every 12 hour to an infant who weighs 15 lb. Available is furosemide oral solution 10 mg/ml. How many mL should the nurse administer per dose? (Round the answer to the nearest whole number.)

$$15 \text{ lb} = 6.8 \text{ Kg}$$

$$3 \text{ mg} \times 6.8 = 20.4 \text{ mg per dose}$$

$$\frac{10 \text{ mg}}{1 \text{ ml}} = \frac{20.4 \text{ mg}}{x \text{ ml}}$$

$$10x = 20.4$$

$$x = 2 \text{ ml every 12 hr}$$

2. A nurse is preparing to administer ranitidine (Zantac) 8 mg/kg/dose PO every 12 hr. to a child who weighs 46 lb. Available is ranitidine oral solution 15 mg/ml. How many mL should the nurse administer per dose? (Round the answer to the nearest whole number.)

$$46 \text{ lb} = 20.9 \text{ Kg}$$

$$8 \text{ mg} \times 20.9 = 167.2 \text{ mg}$$

$$\frac{15 \text{ mg}}{1 \text{ ml}} = \frac{167.2 \text{ mg}}{x}$$

$$15x = 167.2$$

$$x = 11 \text{ ml q12h}$$

3. A nurse is preparing to administer morphine 0.1mg/kg IV bolus to an infant who weighs 5 kg. Available is morphine 5 mg/ml injection. How many mL should the nurse administer? (Round the answer to the nearest tenth.)

$$0.1 \text{ mg/kg} \times 5 \text{ Kg} = 0.5 \text{ mg}$$

$$\frac{5 \text{ mg}}{1 \text{ ml}} = \frac{0.5 \text{ mg}}{x \text{ ml}}$$

$$5x = 0.5$$

$$x = 0.1 \text{ ml}$$

4. A nurse is preparing to administer dexamethasone (Decadron) 0.4 mg/kg/day PO divided in equal doses every 12 hour to a school-age child who weighs 47 lb. Available is dexamethasone oral solution 0.5 mg/5 ml. How many mL should the nurse administer per dose? (Round the answer to the nearest whole number.)

$$47 \text{ lbs} = 21.4 \text{ Kg}$$

$$0.4 \text{ mg} \times 21.4 \text{ Kg} = 8.6 \text{ mg per day}$$

$$\frac{0.5 \text{ mg}}{5 \text{ ml}} = \frac{8.6 \text{ mg}}{x}$$

$$0.5x = 43$$

$$x = 86 \text{ ml per day or } 43 \text{ ml Q12hr}$$

5. A nurse is preparing to administer 0.9% sodium chloride 300 ml to infuse over 45 min. The nurse should set the IV pump to deliver how many mL/hr.? Round answer to a whole number.

$$\frac{300 \text{ ml}}{45 \text{ min}} = \frac{x \text{ ml}}{60 \text{ min}}$$

$$45x = 300 \times 60$$

$$x = 400 \text{ ml/hr}$$

6. Prescribed medication: 30 micrograms of digoxin IV q 12 hrs for a 10 kg child.

Concentration: Digoxin 0.25 mg/ml

How many milliliters should the nurse withdraw from the vial to administer one dose? Round answer to the

~~nearest tenth.~~

$$0.25 \text{ mg} = 250 \text{ mcg/ml}$$

$$\frac{250 \text{ mcg}}{1 \text{ ml}} = \frac{30 \text{ mcg}}{x}$$

$$250x = 30$$

$$x = 0.12 \text{ ml Q12hr}$$

7. The nurse will administer 50 ml IVPB by gravity over 1 hour using IV tubing with a drop factor of 15 gtt/mL. The nurse will administer how many drops per minute?

$$\frac{15 \text{ gtt}}{1 \text{ ml}} = \frac{x \text{ gtt}}{50 \text{ ml}}$$

$$1x = 15 \times 50$$

$$x = 750 \text{ gtt are in } 50 \text{ ml}$$

$$\frac{750 \text{ gtt}}{60 \text{ min}} = 12.5 \text{ or } 13 \text{ gtt/min}$$

8. The recommended range for a medication is 200 to 400 mg/kg/day. The patient weighs 8 kg. What is the safe dose range for this patient?

$$8 \text{ kg} \times 200 = 1600 \text{ mg/day}$$

$$8 \text{ kg} \times 400 = 3200 \text{ mg/day}$$

9. The pediatric dose for piperacillin sodium is 200 mg to 300 mg/kg/24 hours in equally divided doses every 4 to 6 hours. The patient weighs 30 kg. Which of the following is within the recommended range?

$$30 \text{ kg} \times 200 = 6000 \text{ mg} / 24 \text{ hrs} = \frac{Q4}{1000} \text{ to } \frac{Q6}{1500 \text{ mg}}$$

$$30 \text{ kg} \times 300 = 9000 \text{ mg} / 24 \text{ hr} = 1500 \text{ to } 2250 \text{ mg}$$

- A. 2000 mg every 4 hours *over*
 ✓ B. 1200 mg every 4 hours
 X C. 1450 mg every 6 hours *under*
 X D. 6000 mg every 6 hours *over*

SO ANS IS 1000 + 1500 mg Q4 / 24 hr

10. The nurse is verifying the recommended dose for a 25 kg child receiving a medication. The recommended dose: 0.2 to 0.5 mg/kg/24 hours in equally divided doses every 6 hours. What is the recommended dose range per day?

$$25 \text{ kg} \times 0.2 = 5 \text{ mg} / 24 \text{ hr}$$

$$25 \text{ kg} \times 0.5 = 12.5 \text{ mg} / 24 \text{ hr}$$

$$1.25 \text{ mg Q6 hr} \longleftrightarrow 3.13 \text{ mg Q6 hr}$$

11. The nurse is to administer 220 mg of acetaminophen elixir PO. How many milliliters should the nurse draw up in the PO syringe? Round to the nearest tenth.



$$\frac{160 \text{ mg}}{5 \text{ mL}} = \frac{220 \text{ mg}}{X \text{ mL}}$$

$$160X = 5 \times 220$$

$$160X = 1100$$

$$X = 6.9 \text{ mL}$$