




Law and Ethics



Exam Questions

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Question 1



You are working as a locum pharmacist at a pharmacy store that deals with veterinary prescriptions on a regular basis. The new pre-registration pharmacy student is in her first week of training and is not familiar with veterinary prescriptions. A patient hands you a veterinary prescription for their pet dog (Maxine) that has been prescribed fludrocortisone 100micrograms for Addison's disease in canines. The prescription is legally and clinically valid to be dispensed and has been prescribed under the veterinary cascade. However the pre-registration pharmacy student is labelling the veterinary prescription for the first time and is not sure what details must appear on the dispensing label.

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Which of the following details must be included on the dispensing label when dispensing a veterinary medication assuming none are present on the packaging?



- A. Batch Number
- B. The words 'for use under the Cascade'
- C. Name of the Prescribing Veterinary Surgeon
- D. The Gender and Name of the Species
- E. Date of birth of the animal owner

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Question 2



You are the Responsible Pharmacist on duty in a community pharmacy. You are the only pharmacist working on the premises but you need to be absent for an hour to visit a patient at his home to conduct a medicines use review. You have made all the appropriate arrangements to ensure you are contactable.

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Which of the following tasks would be most appropriate for your staff to undertake during your absence?


- A. Check and bag dispensed medicines when an Accredited Checking Technician (ACT) is present
- B. Hand previously checked medication over to the relevant patients
- C. Sell GSL medicines over-the-counter
- D. Sell P medicines over-the-counter
- E. Wholesale of medicines

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Question 3

You are a relief pharmacist working at one of the regular allocated stores. One of the pharmacy technician's receives a prescription for a FP10CD and she notices that the prescriber is a physiotherapist independent prescriber that has prescribed a controlled drug. You reassure your colleague that a physiotherapist independent prescriber is authorised to prescribe some of the controlled drugs.



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Which of the following controlled drugs can be prescribed by a physiotherapist independent prescriber?

- A. Buprenorphine 5micrograms/hour transdermal patch
- B. Diamorphine 10mg ampoule powder for injection
- C. Phenobarbital 15mg tablets
- D. Midazolam 1mg/ml injection 2ml ampoules
- E. Lorazepam 1mg tablets

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Question 4

Mr M, a regular patient at your pharmacy has passed away and his son brings to your pharmacy some of his old medication. He returns seven diamorphine 100mg/5ml ampoules for injection and two patches of Matrifen (Fentanyl) 100microgram/hour transdermal patches.

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Which one of the following would be the most appropriate step to take?

- A. Place the items into the CD cabinet and enter them into the CD register as incoming stock
- B. Record the return of the diamorphine ampoules only and place them both in the CD cabinet until a member of staff can witness their destruction
- C. Record the return of the Matrifen patches only and place them both in the CD cabinet until a member of staff can witness their destruction
- D. Record the return and denaturing of the seven diamorphine 100mg/5ml ampoules for injection and the two patches of Matrifen (Fentanyl) 100microgram/hour transdermal patches
- E. Place both items into a pharmaceutical waste container immediately

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Question 5

It is your first day as the pharmacy manager of a busy pharmacy. One of your dispensers has brought to your attention a dispensing error which was made the previous day by a locum pharmacist who dispensed Lorazepam instead of Loprazolam. As the pharmacy manager you are responsible for dealing with dispensing errors and patient complaints.

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What is the most appropriate action you should take immediately?

- A. Complete a dispensing incident form
- B. Ask the patient to return the incorrect medication for checking
- C. Call up your insurance company to inform them of the incident
- D. Provide details of how to complain to the GPhC if requested by the patient
- E. Establish whether the patient has taken any of the incorrect medicine

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Question 6


Miss B, an 17-year-old teenager, has been recently prescribed Microgynon 30 tablets by the gynaecologist. Miss B comes to your pharmacy to collect her prescription and informs you that she does not want to take this new medication as she is aware that the medication is a contraceptive pill and has heard from her friends that this medication can cause harmful side effects and can worsen her symptoms.

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Which of the following would be the most appropriate course of action to take?

- Explain to the patient that she **MUST** take her medication as prescribed.
- Advise the patient that her friends are incorrect and the medication prescribed has no potential side effects
- Advise the patient of the potential consequences of her decision and explain to the patient although the medication has potential side effects she may not experience them
- Do not interfere with the patient's choice as she has the capacity to undertake her own decisions with regards to her treatment
- Contact her GP immediately and explain to the GP what the patient is intending to do




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Question 7

Mr A is the head teacher at one of the local secondary schools near your pharmacy. He comes to your pharmacy with a signed order for ten salbutamol 100microgram inhalers. Mr A confirms that his school has trained personnel's who are trained to administer medication to children.

Which of the following should be included in the signed order form to be legally valid?

- A signature by a senior member of staff at the school
- The name of the child for which the medicinal product will be given to
- The purpose for which that product is required
- The strength and formulation of the medication
- The dose of the medicinal product




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Controlled Drugs:

- Temazepam
- Methadone
- Buprenorphine
- Fentanyl
- Phenobarbital
- Pethidine
- Dexamfetamine
- Oxycodone


For the following Questions in 8-10, select the most appropriate controlled drug from the list above that best describes each scenario. Each option may be used once, more than once or not at all.



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Question 8


This controlled drug can be supplied to a registered midwife by using a midwife supply order to obtain a controlled drug to be used in her practice and also to be administered to his/her patients.



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Question 9

This controlled drug can be prescribed by a podiatrist independent prescriber for oral administration only, using an appropriate NHS prescription such as FP10CD.



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Question 10

This controlled drug does not require safe custody under the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) Regulations 1973.

