

AMT Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT) Certification Examination Construction Parameters

Number of
items in
category

Category, Sub-category, and Competency

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I. Obtaining Blood Samples *(42.5% of test)*

- A. Identify correct patient properly
- B. Select appropriate containers for specimens and know requirements for container identification
- C. Apply knowledge of physiological aspects of blood collection
- D. Prepare patient for various tests
- E. Select proper venipuncture site
- F. Perform venipunctures
- G. Collect specimen in proper tube-draw sequence
- H. Perform capillary punctures
 - I. Perform heel punctures on infants
- J. Provide proper post care of venous, arterial, & capillary puncture sites
- K. Handle blood samples to maintain specimen integrity
- L. Label transfusion services (blood bank) specimens according to proper protocol

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II. Specimen Collection and Processing (15.5% of test)

- A. Properly handle non-blood specimens to maintain their integrity
- B. Properly collect and handle specimens with time, temperature, or other special requirements
- C. Properly collect and handle specimens for blood cultures
- D. Select proper department for specimen delivery
- E. Process specimens for shipping
- F. Instruct patient in the collection of urine specimens
- G. Instruct patient in the collection of other non-blood specimens
- H. Collect point-of-care testing (POCT) specimens
- I. Meet quality assurance standards

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III. Time Management and Assignment Organization (8.0% of test)

- A. Read physician orders and requisitions
- B. Set priorities for specimen collection
- C. Schedule time intervals for tolerance tests
- D. Schedule time intervals for therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM)
- E. Refer problems to supervisor appropriately
- F. Cooperate with co-workers in the completion of assignments

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IV. Professional Communications (4.5% of test)

- A. Develop and use proper and professional communication skills with staff, patients, and families
- B. Use proper technique and etiquette for answering the telephone
- C. Inform patients of special test requirements

- { 8} **V. Clerical Skills and Duties** (4.0% of test)
- A. Chart or file laboratory-generated reports properly
 - B. Enter, retrieve, and verify patient collection data and special notations using appropriate sources
 - C. Maintain inventory levels, order and restock supplies
 - D. Employ computer skills
- {20} **VI. Safety Standards and Procedures** (10.0% of test)
- A. Identify appropriate regulatory and standard-setting agencies
 - B. Apply information obtained from Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and OSHA Hazardous Communications Standards
 - C. Employ Universal/Standard precautions
 - D. Employ infection control and isolation techniques
 - E. Recognize and manage patient problems related to syncope, nausea, and other complications
 - F. Employ safety procedures for environmental and physical facilities
- {14} **VII. Legal, Ethical, and Professional Considerations** (7.0% of test)
- A. Apply principles of liability regarding the practice of phlebotomy
 - B. Perform duties professionally, ethically, and legally, adhering to criminal justice and civil rights acts
 - C. Employ professional conduct and appearance in the performance of duties
- {17} **VIII. Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology** (8.5% of test)
- A. Employ basic terminology including suffixes, prefixes, and root words
 - B. Apply knowledge of basic anatomy
 - C. Apply knowledge of physiological systems