**Competency Assessment – Written Test**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Sepsis strikes an estimated 750,000 adults in the US annually, killing 30 to 35 percent, with a reported 215,000 deaths per year. (True or False)

2. When CODE SEPSIS is activated;

a) Hospital Operator announces CODE SEPSIS, location and area via overhead page.

b) Activates CODE SEPSIS pagers (including Laboratory pager).

c) Activates CODE SEPSIS pagers (NOT including Laboratory pager).

d) Both A and B

e) Both A and C

3. The members of the CODE SEPSIS team are:

1. ICU Charge
2. House Supervisor
3. Pharmacist
4. Laboratory
5. ED Charge RN
6. All of the Above
7. All of the Above except D

4. The Laboratory’s commitments are:

a) Upon hearing overhead Code Sepsis (or Code Sepsis pager) goes to bedside of location called – the patient may already have had a lactic acid and blood cultures ordered.

b) If blood cultures and lactic acid have not been ordered and Code Sepsis is called, comes to the bedside to draw blood cultures and lactic acid along with any other STAT laboratory ordered.

c) Places labeled specimen in STAT labeled plastic zipper bag

d) Hand-transports specimens to laboratory with a warm hand off for immediate processing. Code Sepsis specimens are NOT placed in bucket

e) All of the Above

5. A code sepsis indicates that the patient has a severe, life threatening bacterial infection. (True or False)

6. In the USA, three times more patients die from sepsis than from a myocardial infarct. (True or False)

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7. The members of the ED CODE STROKE response team who will be notified via pager by a hospital operator and expected to be on alert and respond are:

a) House Supervisor / Bed Board, CT Technologist, Laboratory, Transportation Aide, Pharmacist

b) EVS, CT Technologist, Primary RN, Administration, Pharmacist

c) Pharmacist, Laboratory, EVS, Food and Nutrition, Administration

d) All of the Above

8. List the test(s) included in the STAT CODE STROKE laboratory panel:

CBC, Electrolytes, BUN, creatinine, glucose

PT/INR and APTT

9. What is the Laboratory TAT for Code Stroke?

1. 15 mins
2. 25 mins
3. 45 mins
4. 65 mins

10. What do you do when you receive specimens for “Code Stroke” and the orders are not in the system yet?

Laboratory Assistants:

CLS/MLT:

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA: A score of ≥70% must be obtained to be deemed competent.

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