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5. While caring for a client, a nurse administers an incorrect dose of medication, causing the client to become ill. The nurse reports the incident to the nurse manager on the unit. The nurse manager then notifies risk management. Which risk-management strategies should be used by the nurse in this situation? (Select all that apply.)
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ANS: D

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	Feedback
A.	Failure to document does not result in direct injury or harm to a client and is, therefore, not an intentional tort.
B.	Refusing to wear gloves may inadvertently result in injury or harm, but is not considered an intentional tort.
C.	Failure to report the behavior to a physician does not result in direct injury or harm to the client and is not considered an intentional tort.
D.	Intentional torts include assault and battery, false imprisonment, using restraints as a form of false imprisonment, defamation of character, and breach of confidentiality.

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ANS: A

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	Feedback
A.	Standards of practice are criteria for measuring performance against the optimal achievable degree of clinical excellence. These standards are formulated to communicate expectations of nursing practice. Agencies are influential in developing standards of practice.
B.	Standards of practice criteria focus on the care provider, not the care recipient

C.	Standards of practice are evidence-based guidelines, policies, or protocols not written laws.
D.	Standards of practice may occur in response to unanswered questions, limited research, and/or performance issues; not necessarily the result of the performance or process.

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ANS: D

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	Feedback
A.	Blood return at the catheter site is normal.
B.	Reporting early signs of infection is expected.
C.	Using one peripheral IV catheter may be warranted.
D.	The nurse had a duty to do no harm to the client and the client suffered actual harm or injury.

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ANS: D

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	Feedback
A.	Infusion Nurses Society (INS) Standards, infusion therapy is provided with attention to safety and quality with individualized care that is collaborative, culturally sensitive, and age appropriate.
B.	If there are questions about care the nurse (and client) should feel comfortable

	enough to ask the healthcare provider and evidence-based criteria should be the basis for practice answers.
C.	This is an acceptable router per INS standards. There are risks, some complications are serious and even life-threatening, and many complications are preventable with sound nursing care. The nurse must have a thorough understanding and knowledge of the type of access device being utilized, potential complications of infusion solutions, and safe infusion administration.
D.	The intravenous (I.V.) route is the most commonly used infusion route; however, other infusion routes include intraosseous, subcutaneous, and intraspinal. In this case, the intraosseous route might be appropriate for administration with the selected fluids and medications.

5. Which competency assessment method is acceptable for nursing competencies which will occur once per year in the skilled nursing facility?
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ANS: D

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A.	Client evaluation is concern that may drive competency validation, but is not a method of competency assessment.
B.	Clinical data is based on outcome criteria that drives competency validation, but is not a method of competency assessment.
C.	Sentinel event reports are another form of competency validation, but they are not methods of competency assessment.
D.	Competency assessment methods include performance measures related to patient care, such as skills, knowledge, ability, and judgement that includes objective, measureable assessment of the actual performance in the form of checklists.

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ANS: A

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A.	Certification is a mark of excellence, validates nursing knowledge and skills, and protects the public.
B.	An INS Standard is that the clinician is responsible and accountable for attaining

	and maintaining competence with infusion therapy administration and venous access device insertion/management.
C.	Competency statements need to reflect a measurable goal.
D.	All professional nurses are accountable and responsible for all parts of the tasks associated with infusion therapy.

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ANS: B

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	Feedback
A.	Effective health-care practice is an essential characteristic of evidence-based practice.
B.	EBP is a problem-solving approach to clinical practice and administrative issues that integrates patient preference and values.
C.	EBP is a systematic search for and critical appraisal of the most relevant evidence to answer a burning clinical question.
D.	EBP is a problem-solving approach that integrates one's own clinical expertise.

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ANS: A

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A.	As the cancer treatment begins, the evaluation phase begins. The plan of care should be based on the conclusion that the outcome has not been met at this time.
B.	Maintenance of asepsis is the implementation or action plan of the nursing process.
C.	Planning utilizes techniques to prevent complications
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ANS: C

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	Feedback
A.	Value-based purchasing (VBP) is a pay-for-performance program mandated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
B.	Hospital readmissions reduction program (HRRP) is a pay-for-performance program mandated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
C.	Hospital-acquired conditions (HAC) pay-for-performance program mandated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). CLABSI is hospital acquired.
D.	Home health value-based purchasing is a model pay-for-performance program implemented for home health.

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A.	Serving as an expert witness involves examining evidence, reviewing nursing literature, giving depositions, and testifying in court.
B.	Reviewing charts and assessing jury selection are not functions of an expert witness.
C.	Expert witnesses do not notify lawyers of discrepancies.
D.	Establishing standards of care is not a function of an expert witness.

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ANS: A, B

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A.	Before approval of the drug if the FDA determines a REMS is necessary to ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks.
B.	Postapproval if the FDA becomes aware of new safety information and determines that a REMS is necessary to ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks.
C.	The FDA does not require a REMS during a client evaluation.
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ANS: A, B, D

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A.	The nurse manager must adhere to the guidelines of the CDC.
B.	The nurse manager must adhere to the guidelines of the INS.
C.	The AMA does not provide guidelines for nursing standards of practice.

D.	The nurse manager must adhere to the guidelines of the ONS.
E.	The FDA does not provide guidelines for nursing standards of

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ANS: B, C, D, E

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A.	Standards of practice care focus on the provider, and define the activities and behaviors needed to achieve patient outcomes.
B.	The task force is most likely to focus on Standards of practice. This as a quality-assurance model focuses on the recipient of care.
C.	The task force is most likely to focus on Performance improvement. This quality-assurance model focuses on the recipient of care as a quality-assurance model.
D.	The task force is most likely to focus on Continuous quality improvement . This quality-assurance model focuses on the recipient of care.
E.	Total quality management (TQM) is a quality-assurance model that focuses on maximizing customer satisfaction.

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A.	Collection is part of the nursing process.

B.	Identification is part of the nursing process.
C.	Determination of the cause of the problem is part of the nursing process.
D.	Evaluation of data to determine effective action is part of the nursing process.
E.	TJC JCAHO is a nonprofit organization that accredits health-care facilities and works to improve client care and safety.

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A.	A complete written account of care given to the client is a risk-management strategy.
B.	Physical assessment is not considered a risk-management strategy.
C.	Written unusual occurrence reports are a risk-management strategy.
D.	Professional liability insurance to protect the nurse is a risk-management strategy.
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A.	The constitution provides laws that govern nursing practice.
B.	Statutes provide laws that govern nursing practice.
C.	State Nurse Practice Acts provide laws that govern nursing practice.
D.	The Joint Commission, along with the American Nurses Association and specialty organizations, establishes standards of nursing care.
E.	The Centers for Disease (CDC) in conjunction with the American Nurses Association and specialty organizations, establishes guidelines and standards of nursing care.

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A.	Some examples of risk management strategies that may decrease the risk of potential liability to the organization or to the clinician include: Informed consent, analysis of unusual occurrence reports, systemic (root cause) analysis of serious adverse (sentinel) events, comprehensive and thorough documentation, and safe infusion medication administration.
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A.	The nurse has a duty to the patient based on one of the four elements of a malpractice claim.
B.	Allowing the family to watch the infusion is not a basis for a malpractice claim.
C.	The patient has suffered actual harm or injury; this is one of the four elements of a malpractice claim.
D.	The nurse failed to carry out the duty of providing safe, effective care by giving too much medication; a breach of care has occurred. This is one of the four elements of a malpractice claim.
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	Feedback
A.	The home care nurse must have a variety of well-developed skills which include providing meticulous evidence-based care
B.	Interprofessional communication and collaboration will help the nurse provide safe, effective care while utilizing community resources.
C.	Appropriate parenteral nutrition and IV medication is important, but will not help the nurse with community resources.
D.	The ability to write home infusion therapy policy and procedures is important,

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A.	Public law is one of two main branches of law which is comprised of constitutional law and administrative law.
B.	The state board of nursing is an example of administrative law which is empowered to revoke or annul a nurse's license where there is evidence of incompetence, negligence, or fraud.
C.	Common law is a court-made law where courts are responsible for interpreting the statutes.
D.	Constitutional law is a formal set of rules and principles that describe the powers of a government and the rights of the people.
E.	Statutory or legislative laws are formal laws written and enacted by federal, state, or local legislatures.