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- A. Explain the ECG procedure using simple terms
 - B. Encourage the patient to ask questions
 - C. Maintain a friendly, confident manner
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41. An inaccurate ECG could result in the wrong treatment or medication for a patient.
True False
42. A physician does not need to be present during an exercise stress test.
True False
43. An ECG technician is required to follow safety and infection control guidelines when working at a health care facility.
True False
44. The use of an alcohol-base rub on hands without visible soilage is an accepted technique for preventing infection.
True False
45. Critical thinking is the process of thinking through the situation or problem and making a decision to solve it.
True False
46. Telemedicine monitoring is generally used to evaluate coronary artery disease.
True False
47. It is essential that you remain calm when recording a "stat" ECG.
True False
48. Transtelephonic monitors are connected to a telephone at a remote location, and the ECG tracing is transmitted and viewed in the physician's office.
True False
49. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an emergency procedure that provides ventilations and chest compressions.
True False
50. A patient's chart or computer screen with patient data may be left out in the open if you are using the chart or performing an ECG on the patient.
True False
51. Dr. Augusta D. Waller is credited with having performed the first electrocardiogram on a human.
True False

1 Key

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Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death in the United States since 1918.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #1
Difficulty: Easy

Learning Outcome: Explain what an ECG is and its importance in medicine.

2. The abbreviation CAD stands for:
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- A. Cold appendage disorder
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CAD stands for coronary artery disease, which is narrowing of the blood vessels surrounding the heart. It causes a reduction of blood flow to the heart.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #2
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The electrocardiograph produces an electrical tracing of the heart. This tracing is known as the ECG.

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Booth - Chapter 01 #3
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In 1903, Wilhelm Einthoven invented the first electrocardiograph.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #4
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MI is the abbreviation for myocardial infarction.

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Booth - Chapter 01 #5
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ECG technicians record the ECG and prepare the report for the physician. They should be able to determine that the tracing is accurate and recognize abnormalities.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #6
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The responsibility of the ECG monitor technician is to view the ECG tracings and, if an abnormal heart rhythm occurs, alert the health care professional who can treat the abnormality.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #7
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An emergency ECG may be referred to as "stat," meaning immediately.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #8
Difficulty: Easy

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9. Continuous ECG monitoring done in a hospital setting is known as:
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Another type of continuous monitoring done in the hospital is known as telemetry monitoring. Telemetry monitors are small boxes with electrodes and lead wires attached to the chest.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #9
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The 12-lead ECG is a routine diagnostic test performed in any doctor's office. Two other tests that may be performed in an office include treadmill stress testing and the Holter monitor.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #10
Difficulty: Medium

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11. What symptoms would indicate the use of a telemedicine monitor?
(p. 12) A. Palpitations
B. Chest pain
C. Dizziness
D. All of the above

It is useful to record the ECG tracings on a telemedicine monitor when the patient has symptoms. These symptoms include chest pain, shortness of breath, dizziness, or palpitations.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #11
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Compare the uses of the ECG in the hospital, in the doctors office or ambulatory clinic, or outside of a health care facility.

12. What device enables lay rescuers to help a patient with sudden cardiac arrest?
(p. 10) **A. Automatic external defibrillator (AED)**
B. Telemedicine monitor
C. Pacemaker
D. 12-lead ECG

AEDs are available in public and/or private places where large numbers of people gather. The AED has enabled lay rescuers help a patient with a sudden cardiac arrest.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #12
Difficulty: Medium

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(p. 14)
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In order to perform an ECG, you should become familiar with the procedure and the ECG machine, be able to lift and move the patient, transport and operate the ECG machine. You must understand basic principles of safety and infection control, patient education and communication, and law and ethics.

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Booth - Chapter 01 #13
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Many ECG machines have reference cards or instructions posted in a convenient place on or with the equipment. Refer to these printed materials when performing an ECG.

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Difficulty: Easy*

Learning Outcome: Identify the skills and knowledge needed to perform an ECG.

15. Standard precautions include which of the following?
(p. 15)
- A. Proper hand washing
 - B. Use of gloves
 - C. Wearing gown, mask, and eye protection
 - D. All of the above**

Standard precautions include hand hygiene and wearing gloves. It may include the use of a gown, mask, and eye protection.

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Booth - Chapter 01 #15
Difficulty: Medium*

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(p. 18)
- A. Repeat the instructions and clarify any questions the patient has**
 - B. Ask the physician to answer the patient's questions
 - C. Perform the ECG as ordered
 - D. Have a co-worker explain the procedure to the patient

Helping the patient understand the procedure and follow instructions is essential to performing the ECG procedure. Use simple terms and speak slowly and distinctly. Encourage the patient to ask questions and repeat the instructions back to you.

*Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #16
Difficulty: Hard*

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17. Ethics are:
(p. 18) A. Rules of conduct that are enforced by an authority
B. Cultural values
C. Standards of behavior and concepts of right and wrong
D. All of the above

Ethics are concerned with standards of behavior and concepts of right and wrong. They are based on moral values that are formed through the influence of the family, culture, and society.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #17
Difficulty: Medium

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18. HIPAA stands for:
(p. 18) A. Health Information Privacy and Availability Act
B. Health Insurance Professionals Accounting Act
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In 1996, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was established in response to information being transferred electronically for medical transactions. This act ensures that electronic medical data is limited and secured.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #18
Difficulty: Medium

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(p. 19) A. Patient respect and dignity
B. Practicing professionalism and cooperation
C. Maintaining patient confidentiality
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Confidentiality is a basic right of every patient. Respect the privacy of patients at all times. Practicing ethics includes professionalism, respect, and cooperation with co-workers and supervisors.

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Informed consent requires the patient to sign a consent form that they understand the risks involved with certain diagnostic procedures.

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Booth - Chapter 01 #20
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Explain the procedure to the patient in a calm manner. Explain that the machine does not generate electricity and the procedure is quick and painless.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #21
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Define troubleshooting, and explain its importance to you as a health care professional.

22. Who should sign the consent form if a patient cannot read or write?
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- A. The patient's physician
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 - C. A family member of the patient
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If a patient cannot read or write, you will need to explain the procedure to a family member and have that person sign the consent form along with the patient.

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Booth - Chapter 01 #22
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Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #23
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24. Which instrument was developed by a Dutch physiologist prior to the invention of the electrocardiograph?
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Wilhelm Einthoven developed the first galvanometer, an instrument used to detect electrocardiograph waves.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #24
Difficulty: Easy

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25. The term for an abnormal heartbeat is:
(p. 4) A. Angioplasty
B. Arrhythmia
C. Angina
D. Artifact

Arrhythmia means abnormal heartbeat.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #25
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Angioplasty is the surgical repair of blood vessels.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #26
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27. An artificial _____ is a device that initiates the heartbeat.
(p. 5) A. Defibrillator
B. Galvanometer
C. Pacemaker
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An artificial pacemaker is a device that initiates the heartbeat.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #27
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28. What does the term "Code Blue" mean when used in a hospital setting?
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B. Severe weather is imminent
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D. A patient is unresponsive and needs immediate assistance

The term "Code Blue" is used by many institutions to indicate that a patient is having cardiac, respiratory, or neurological symptoms and is unresponsive and needs immediate help.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #28
Difficulty: Medium

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(p. 10)

- A.** Holter
- B. Biphasic
- C. Multichannel
- D. Telemetry

A Holter monitor is an instrument that records the electrical activity of the heart during a patient's routine daily activities.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #29
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Compare the uses of the ECG in the hospital, in the doctors office or ambulatory clinic, or outside of a health care facility.

30. Which of the following is NOT a reason for performing an ECG?

(p. 9)

- A.** To determine if there is a blockage in a coronary artery
- B. To check for heart rhythm abnormalities
- C. To document irregular heartbeats
- D. As part of a yearly, routine physical exam

An angiogram is an invasive procedure that determines whether a coronary artery or blood vessel has a blockage.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #30
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Compare the uses of the ECG in the hospital, in the doctors office or ambulatory clinic, or outside of a health care facility.

31. Slander is an illegal and unethical act and is defined as:

(p. 20)

- A. Writing defamatory words
- B. Violating patient confidentiality
- C.** Making derogatory remarks about someone
- D. All of the above

Making derogatory remarks about someone that jeopardizes his or her reputation or means of livelihood is called slander.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #31
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Identify the skills and knowledge needed to perform an ECG.

32. _____ means writing defamatory words. It is illegal and unethical and could result in the loss of your job.

(p. 20)

- A. HIPAA
- B.** Libel
- C. Consent
- D. Liability

Writing defamatory words is known as libel.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #32
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Identify the skills and knowledge needed to perform an ECG.

33. Which device recognizes an abnormal rhythm and can deliver an electric shock to the heart if necessary?
(p. 12)
- A. ECG
 - B. CAD
 - C. MSET
 - D. AED**

An automatic external defibrillator (AED) is a device that analyzes the heart rhythm and will indicate if an electrical shock needs to be given to correct the irregular rhythm.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #33
Difficulty: Easy

Learning Outcome: Compare the uses of the ECG in the hospital, in the doctors office or ambulatory clinic, or outside of a health care facility.

34. PPE is used to reduce the risk of transmission of infection. PPE stands for:
(p. 16)
- A. Personal protection equipment**
 - B. Possible percutaneous exposure
 - C. Pulmonary protection equipment
 - D. Patient protective electrocardiograph

Personal protection equipment (PPE) includes items such as gloves, mask, gown, and eye protection.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #34
Difficulty: Easy

Learning Outcome: Identify the skills and knowledge needed to perform an ECG.

35. The problem-solving process includes which of the following steps?
(p. 20)
- A. Identify possible solutions
 - B. Identify and define the problem
 - C. Implement the selected solution
 - D. All of the above**

The problem-solving process involves identifying and defining the problem, identifying possible solutions, selecting the best solution, implementing the selected solution, and evaluating the results.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #35
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Define troubleshooting, and explain its importance to you as a health care professional.

36. Who is recognized as having performed the first ECG on a human?
(p. 4)
- A. Wilhelm Einthoven
 - B. Dr. Augusta Waller**
 - C. Sir Thomas Lewis
 - D. Dr. James Herrick

Dr. Augusta Waller was the first to show that electrical currents are produced by the beating of the heart. He is credited with having performed the first electrocardiogram on a human.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #36
Difficulty: Easy

Learning Outcome: Explain what an ECG is and its importance in medicine.

37. When caring for patients and recording an ECG, you may encounter many situations that require you to:
- A.** Think critically about the situation
 - B. Always follow the same steps each time
 - C. Not worry about what the patient may tell you
 - D. All of the above

Being able to troubleshoot situations that may arise during the ECG procedure is essential. Troubleshooting requires critical thinking.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #37
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Define troubleshooting, and explain its importance to you as a health care professional.

38. Which of the following are measures to ensure that patients' health information is protected?
- A. Standard precautions
 - B. Isolation procedures
 - C.** HIPAA
 - D. Patient's bill of rights

In 1996, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) was established to ensure that patient information was secure and private.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #38
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Identify the skills and knowledge needed to perform an ECG

39. A normal ECG tracing is a _____ line with upward and downward spikes or deflections that indicate electrical activity in the heart.
- A. Vertical
 - B. Curved
 - C. Round
 - D.** Horizontal

A normal ECG tracing is a horizontal line with upward and downward spikes or deflections that indicate electrical activity within the heart.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #39
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Compare the uses of the ECG in the hospital, in the doctors office or ambulatory clinic, or outside of a health care facility.

40. Which of the following communication techniques help to ensure a successful ECG recording?
- A. Explain the ECG procedure using simple terms
 - B. Encourage the patient to ask questions
 - C. Maintain a friendly, confident manner
 - D.** All of the above

You must develop a positive relationship and atmosphere to reduce apprehension and anxiety during an ECG. Helping the patient understand the procedure and follow instructions is essential to performing the ECG.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #40
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Identify the skills and knowledge needed to perform an ECG.

41. An inaccurate ECG could result in the wrong treatment or medication for a patient.
(p. 3) **TRUE**

The ECG must be accurate because it is used to make decisions about a patient's care.

*Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #41
Difficulty: Medium*

Learning Outcome: Explain what an ECG is and its importance in medicine.

42. A physician does not need to be present during an exercise stress test.
(p. 9) **FALSE**

A physician should always be present during this procedure.

*Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #42
Difficulty: Easy*

Learning Outcome: Compare the uses of the ECG in the hospital, in the doctors office or ambulatory clinic, or outside of a health care facility.

43. An ECG technician is required to follow safety and infection control guidelines when working at a health care facility.
(p. 14) **TRUE**

Preventing the spread of infection is an essential part of performing an ECG. When performing health care procedures, you must always maintain the safety of yourself and the patient.

*Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #43
Difficulty: Easy*

Learning Outcome: Identify the skills and knowledge needed to perform an ECG.

44. The use of an alcohol-base rub on hands without visible soilage is an accepted technique for preventing infection.
(p. 15) **TRUE**

Proper hand hygiene is the single most important thing you can do to prevent the spread of infection.

*Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #44
Difficulty: Medium*

Learning Outcome: Identify the skills and knowledge needed to perform an ECG.

45. Critical thinking is the process of thinking through the situation or problem and making a decision to solve it.
(p. 20) **TRUE**

Troubleshooting requires critical thinking. Being able to troubleshoot situations that may occur during an ECG is essential.

*Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #45
Difficulty: Medium*

Learning Outcome: Define troubleshooting, and explain its importance to you as a health care professional.

46. Telemedicine monitoring is generally used to evaluate coronary artery disease.
(p. 14) **FALSE**

Telemedicine monitoring is generally used to evaluate artificial pacemaker functioning.

*Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #46
Difficulty: Medium*

Learning Outcome: Compare the uses of the ECG in the hospital, in the doctors office or ambulatory clinic, or outside of a health care facility.

47. It is essential that you remain calm when recording a "stat" ECG.
(p. 7) **TRUE**

Remaining calm is necessary to avoid stress to the patient and to reduce confusion during the emergency.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #47
Difficulty: Easy

48. Transtelephonic monitors are connected to a telephone at a remote location, and the ECG tracing is transmitted and viewed in the physician's office.
(p. 13) **FALSE**

Learning Outcome: Compare the uses of the ECG in the hospital, in the doctors office or ambulatory clinic, or outside of a health care facility.

Transtelephonic monitors are connected to a telephone at a remote location, and the ECG tracing is transmitted and viewed at a central location for interpretation.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #48
Difficulty: Medium

49. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an emergency procedure that provides ventilations and chest compressions.
(p. 5) **TRUE**

Learning Outcome: Compare the uses of the ECG in the hospital, in the doctors office or ambulatory clinic, or outside of a health care facility.

CPR is an emergency procedure that provides ventilations and chest compressions for a person who shows no signs of breathing or having a heartbeat.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #49
Difficulty: Easy

50. A patient's chart or computer screen with patient data may be left out in the open if you are using the chart or performing an ECG on the patient.
(p. 19) **FALSE**

Learning Outcome: Describe career opportunities for an electrocardiographer.

Patient information should not be in an area where other patients or visitors may be able to view it. This is a breach of confidentiality and a HIPAA violation.

Blooms: Understand
Booth - Chapter 01 #50
Difficulty: Medium

51. Dr. Augusta D. Waller is credited with having performed the first electrocardiogram on a human.
(p. 4) **TRUE**

Learning Outcome: Identify the skills and knowledge needed to perform an ECG.

Dr. Augusta D. Waller performed the first electrocardiogram on a human.

Blooms: Remember
Booth - Chapter 01 #51
Difficulty: Medium

Learning Outcome: Discuss the history of obtaining and using the ECG.

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