Nevada Pharmacy Law Update and Overview of Prescription Drug Abuse

Post-test/Rationale

1. Data suggest the United States consumes what percentage of the world’s hydrocodone supply?

   A. 25%
   B. 50%
   C. 76%
   D. 99%**

Answer: D
Data suggest the United States consumes nearly 99% of the world’s hydrocodone supply

2. According to studies, every day approximately _________ youths aged 12 to 17 years abuse an opioid medication for the first time?

   A. 1200
   B. 1750
   C. 2700**
   D. 6500

Answer: C
Data indicate every day approximately 2700 youths (aged 12 to 17 years) abuse an opioid medication for the first time

3. With regard to trends centered on prescription drug abuse, which of the following statements is correct?

   A. Existing data suggest that more men than women are abusing prescription medications
   B. Existing data suggest middle-aged adults have the highest rates of prescription opioid overdoses
   C. Existing data suggest people who live in rural communities are more likely to overdose on opioid medications compared with people who live in urban areas
   D. All of the above are correct**

Answer: D
Prescription drug abuse trends show that more men than women (women stagnant) are abusing prescription medication; data suggest middle-aged adults have the highest prescription opioid overdose rates; and data suggest people in rural communities are more likely to overdose on opioids than those who live in urban areas or cities
4. It is estimated that ______ of prescribed pain medications go unused and end up stowed away in medicine cabinets, which can be source of possible drug diversion?

   A. 10%
   B. 40%**
   C. 50%
   D. 60%

Answer: B
Data indicate that approximately 40% of prescription pain medications go unused and end up stowed away in medicine cabinets, which can lead to drug diversion.

5. The number of prosecuted drug diversion cases in the state of Nevada has risen over the past few years. Many pharmacies are now using which of the following methods to help combat drug diversion?

   A. Smock checks
   B. Smart shelves
   C. Phony oxycodone bottles
   D. All of the above**

Answer: D
The number of prosecuted drug diversion cases in the state of Nevada has risen over the past few years. Stores are now using smock checks, smart shelves, cameras and phony oxycodone bottles to help combat drug diversion.

6. Nevada has ranked as high as number ____ in the United States (among all states) for hydrocodone and oxycodone consumption per 100,000 individuals.

   A. 1
   B. 2**
   C. 3
   D. 4

Answer: B
Nevada has ranked as high as number 2 in the United States in both hydrocodone and oxycodone consumption per 100,000 individuals.

7. Which of the following statements is NOT correct regarding the professional judgement and responsibilities of pharmacists who dispense prescription medications?
A. Along with prescribers, pharmacists have a corresponding responsibility to ensure the safe use of prescription medications
B. Pharmacists may decline to fill a prescription if it does not appear to be for a legitimate medical purpose
C. Pharmacists may decline to fill a medication that carries the potential to be harmful to the overall health of a patient
D. All of the above statements are correct with respect to the professional judgement and responsibilities of a licensed practicing pharmacist

Answer: D
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8. With regard to the recent rescheduling of select medications, which of the following statements is correct?
A. Prescriptions for hydrocodone combination drugs cannot be refilled
B. Tramadol is now a Schedule III drug
C. Tramadol is now a Schedule V drug
D. None of the above

Answer: A
All hydrocodone combination medications are now Schedule II drugs and cannot be refilled.

9. According to SB 459 of Nevada pharmacy law regarding Prescription Monitoring Programs, pharmacies and dispensing practitioners must report their controlled substance dispensing activities within:
A. 24 hours
B. 1 week
C. 1 month
D. 6 months

Answer: A
Prescribers and dispensing practitioners are required to report their controlled substance dispensing activity within the next business day (i.e., 24 hours)

10. Effective 2015, certain prescribing practitioners in the state of Nevada can now prescribe and dispense opioid antagonists (e.g., naloxone) to:
A. A person who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose
B. A family member of the person who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose
C. A friend in a position to assist the person who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose
D. All of the above**

**Answer: D**

Nevada law indicates select practitioners may prescribe an opioid antagonist to: a person who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose; a family member of the person who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose; or a friend or a person who is in a position to assist the person who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.