

Section 5: Preparing and Administering Injections

Your Name: _____

1. Before drawing up a vaccine or medication, always draw up 1 mL of air in the syringe and express the air into the airspace above the fluid. True False
2. If a vial has a metal cap, remove the cap and wipe the rubber seal with an alcohol prep pad before inserting the needle into the vial. True False
3. Always dispose of needles in the nearest sharps receptacle. True False
4. After mixing the MMR vaccine with the diluent, change the needle on the syringe to a 1-inch 18-gauge needle before administering the vaccination. True False
5. Before administering an injection, perform patient education about the procedure and assess the patient's level of compliance. True False
6. Hold the needle bevel up at a 45 degree angle to the skin when administering a subcutaneous injection. True False
7. Hold the needle bevel up at a 75 – 90 degree angle to the skin when administering an intramuscular injection. True False
8. Pinch the skin up at the injection site when administering a Tuberculin Skin Test. Release the skin and inject the antigen slowly after inserting the needle through the epidermis (just below the surface of the skin). True False
9. What are the “landmarks” for the following injection sites?
 - a. Intramuscular (Deltoid) – List one landmark
 - b. Intramuscular (Gluteal) – List two landmarks
10. An intramuscular gluteal injection administered improperly can injure the sciatic nerve of the patient. True False
11. You have just given a Tuberculin Skin Test, but a bleb did not appear. What layer of skin or type of tissue did you likely inject?
 - a. Epidermis
 - b. Dermis
 - c. Subcutaneous tissue
 - d. Muscle
12. You are in the process of administering a flu vaccine, and when you aspirate for a blood return, blood appears in the syringe. What actions should you take?
