1. The MOST common type of medication error is:
   a. Wrong drug
   b. Wrong route of administration
   c. Administering improper dose
   d. Wrong patient

2. What type of medication error is a prescription for a client with known allergy or intolerance?
   a. Prescription error
   b. Transcription error
   c. Dispensing error
   d. Administration error
   e. Monitoring error
   f. Documentation error

3. What type of medication error is the use of unapproved abbreviations?
   a. Prescription error
   b. Transcription error
   c. Dispensing error
   d. Administration error
   e. Monitoring error
   f. Documentation error

4. What type of medication error is misunderstanding of intended order?
   a. Prescription error
   b. Transcription error
   c. Dispensing error
   d. Administration error
   e. Monitoring error
   f. Documentation error
5. What type of medication error is an incorrect drug or dose sent to the unit?
   a. Prescription error  
   b. Transcription error  
   c. Dispensing error  
   d. Administration error  
   e. Monitoring error  
   f. Documentation error  

6. What type of medication error is incorrect formulation or dosage form?
   a. Prescription error  
   b. Transcription error  
   c. Dispensing error  
   d. Administration error  
   e. Monitoring error  
   f. Documentation error  

7. What type of medication error is incorrect calculation of dose to be given?
   a. Prescription error  
   b. Transcription error  
   c. Dispensing error  
   d. Administration error  
   e. Monitoring error  
   f. Documentation error  

8. What type of medication error is forgetting to give the patient the medication?
   a. Prescription error  
   b. Transcription error  
   c. Dispensing error  
   d. Administration error  
   e. Monitoring error  
   f. Documentation error  

9. What type of medication error is an incorrect administration technique or route?
   a. Prescription error  
   b. Transcription error  
   c. Dispensing error  
   d. Administration error  
   e. Monitoring error  
   f. Documentation error  

10. What type of medication error is unauthorized substitution of medications?
   a. Prescription error
   b. Transcription error
   c. Dispensing error
   d. Administration error
   e. Monitoring error
   f. Documentation error

11. What type of medication error is inadequate documentation and/or reporting of client response to medication?
   a. Prescription error
   b. Transcription error
   c. Dispensing error
   d. Administration error
   e. Monitoring error
   f. Documentation error

12. What type of medication error is premature or delayed documentation of medication administration?
   a. Prescription error
   b. Transcription error
   c. Dispensing error
   d. Administration error
   e. Monitoring error
   f. Documentation error

13. Every IV medication has the same rate of infusion.
    True    False

14. Some medications need to be infused slowly to monitor the effects of the drug on the patient.
    True    False

15. A nurse should just hang and start the IV medication and then leave.
    True    False
16. The medication order – *Furosemide 20 mg po od every second day* – is adequate.
   
   True    False

17. The medication order – *Tobramycin 2 gtts tid a.s. for left eye drainage* – is correct.
   
   True    False

18. The medication order – *Nitro-Dur 0.4 mg/hr od* – is correct.
   
   True    False

   
   True    False

20. The medication order – *Prednisone 5 mg daily* – is correct.
   
   True    False

21. All medication orders must be accompanied by the date and time the order was written or taken.
   
   True    False
Answer Key to Medication Errors: Quiz 2

Q01  c  One study showed that medication errors were due to: administering improper dose (41%), overdose (36%), wrong drug (19%), and wrong route of administration (10%).

Q02  a
Q03  b
Q04  b
Q05  c
Q06  c
Q07  d
Q08  d
Q09  d
Q10  d
Q11  e
Q12  f
Q13  F  Each medication has a specific rate of infusion.
Q14  T
Q15  F  The nurse needs to monitor the patient for effects of the drug and needs to remain at the bedside to do so.
Q16  T
Q17  F  Order should include strength of Tobramycin and number of days of administration prior to assessment; order states to administer to left ear (a.s), yet reason stated is for eye drainage.
Q18  F  Order should indicate whether the transdermal patch is to be removed after a set number of hours or left in place for the entire 24 hours.
Q19  F  Order needs to indicate type of iron (Ferrous Gluconate, Ferrous Sulfate), strength, number of doses per day, route and general directions to be taken with meals. Supps could be misinterpreted as suppositories rather than supplements.
Q20  T
Q21  T