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CPD questionnaires must be completed online via www.cpdjournals.org.za. After submission you can check the answers and print your certificate.

#### WHAT IS THE DIABETIC FOOT?

#### 1. With regard to diabetic foot ulceration (choose one incorrect statement):

- A. Sensory, motor and autonomic neuropathy contribute to the increased risk of ulceration
- B. Infection is a common cause of diabetic foot ulceration
- C. Ischaemia is the strongest risk factor determining the ultimate outcome of a diabetic ulcer
- D. A combination of risk factors rather than any single factor usually results in ulceration
- E. Limb amputation in diabetics is preceded by a foot ulcer in up to 85% of patients.

#### 2. True (A) or false (B):

The diabetic foot is defined as a group of syndromes affecting the anatomical area below the malleoli in a diabetic, in which neuropathy, ischaemia and infection lead to tissue breakdown, resulting in morbidity and possible amputation.

#### 3. True (A) or false (B):

In a diabetic patient, ankle brachial indices (ABIs) can be falsely elevated or even normal in severe ischaemia.

## PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT OF VASCULAR PROBLEMS IN THE DIABETIC FOOT

#### 4. True (A) or false (B):

Endovascular therapy should never be offered to a diabetic with compromised renal function because contrast nephrotoxicity is inevitable.

#### 5. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- A. A normal ankle brachial index in a diabetic indicates that blood flow to the foot is normal
- Patients over the age of 75 years should not be offered revascularisation procedures
- $C. \quad \text{Diabetic patients with severe neuropathy usually have no rest pain} \\$
- D. A diabetic with severe foot infection and gangrene should receive intravenous antibiotics and immediate lower limb amputation.

# WHAT TYPE OF DIABETES DOES MY PATIENT HAVE AND IS IT RELEVANT?

### 6. True (A) or false (B):

Most patients with type 1 diabetes have the immune-mediated form of type 1 diabetes mellitus with islet cell antibodies and often have other autoimmune disorders such as Hashimoto's thyroiditis, Addison's disease, vitiligo or pernicious anaemia.

### 7. True (A) or false (B):

Diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) can occur in the presence of partial or temporary insulin deficiency, and therefore cannot be relied on as an absolute indicator that the patient has type 1 diabetes or that long-term insulin therapy will be required.

#### TARGETED TREATMENT OF SEVERE HEAD INJURY

### 8. True (A) or false (B):

The separation of patients into 3 categories of severity (mild, moderate and severe) is no longer regarded as an effective way to guide treatment in severe head injury.

## 9. True (A) or false (B):

Secondary injuries that lead to death are the same ones that cause disability in survivors.

#### APPROACH TO THE DIAGNOSIS OF A BREAST LUMP

- 10. Choose the correct statement with regard to the imaging of breast lesions:
  - A. It is preceded by tissue biopsy
  - B. It is performed at the discretion of the radiologist
  - C. In the case of a potential malignancy, it is useful to define the extent thereof and to identify occult synchronous and contralateral breast masses

- D. MRI is now routinely used for the assessment of palpable lesions
- E. The cancer detection rate of digital mammography is superior to that of standard film mammography.

#### 11. True (A) or false (B):

Fluid aspirated from a breast cyst is always routinely sent for cytological assessment.

#### **ASTHMA EDUCATION**

- 12. Asthma education has been proven in meta-analyses to (choose one):
  - A. Reduce medication use
  - B. Reduce costs of asthma
  - C. Reduce asthma deaths
  - D. Reduce emergency medical consultations
  - E. Reduce school and work absenteeism.

#### 13. A patient with controlled asthma may have (choose one):

- A. 3 episodes of daytime symptoms a week
- B. 1 episode of nocturnal symptoms a week
- C. 1 emergency consultation for asthma each 6 months
- D. Peak flow of 75% of expected
- E. Need for reliever treatment twice a week during the day.

#### **ALLERGIC RHINITIS IN CHILDREN**

#### 14. True (A) or false (B):

Allergic rhinitis can aggravate the symptoms of asthma.

#### 15. True (A) or false (B):

Antihistamines are the most effective treatment for the management of allergic rhinitis.

#### **COW'S MILK ALLERGY IN CHILDREN**

- 16. Choose one correct statement regarding clinical manifestations of cow's milk allergy:
  - A. Anaphylaxis due to cow's milk allergy usually involves T-cell-mediated immunological reactions
  - Milk consumption increases the production of mucus in the respiratory tract
  - C. Infants with milk protein-induced colitis usually fail to thrive
  - D. Eosinophilic oesophagitis may be mistaken for gastro-oesophageal reflux in children
  - E. Infantile atopic dermatitis is usually associated with food allergy in all

### MODERN MANAGEMENT OF PAEDIATRIC BURNS

#### 17. True (A) or false (B):

Fluid losses are maximal from 3 - 12 hours post injury in small burns and up to 24 - 48 hours in larger burns.

## WHAT'S NEW IN PAEDIATRIC TRAUMA RESUSCITATION?

#### 18. True (A) or false (B):

The use of a cuffed endotracheal tube is contraindicated in paediatric trauma patients.

## **DURATION OF ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY**

#### 19. True (A) or false (B):

No statistical difference was found between the 5-day and the 8 -10-day regimens in acute otitis media.

# CARDIOVASCULAR PROTECTION IN TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS

## 20. True (A) or false (B):

Most patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus should receive fibrates because hypertriglyceridaemia is common in diabetes.