

TEST TAKING TIPS AND STRATEGIES

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SPICE



CONTENT OUTLINE

- ▶ Identification of Infectious Disease Process (22 questions)
- ▶ Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation (24 questions)
- ▶ Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents (25 questions)
- ▶ Employee/Occupational Health (11 questions)
- ▶ Management and Communication (13 questions)
- ▶ Education and Research (11 questions)
- ▶ Environment of Care (14 questions)
- ▶ Cleaning, Sterilization, Disinfection, Asepsis (15 questions)

- ▶ Prepare well for studying
- ▶ Are you a morning, afternoon or night person?
- ▶ Consistent time and place
- ▶ Content assessment:
 - ▶ No review required
 - ▶ Minimal review required
 - ▶ Intensive review required
 - ▶ Start from the beginning

▶ How do you study the best?

- ▶ Take notes as you go along
- ▶ Use study aids, guides, groups
- ▶ Don't over do or over think it

PAY ATTENTION TO KEY WORDS:

- ❖ First
- ❖ Initial
- ❖ Least
- ❖ Most
- ❖ Safest
- ❖ Next
- ❖ Correct
- ❖ Effective
- ❖ Appropriate
- ❖ Avoid
- ❖ Incorrect
- ❖ Ineffective
- ❖ Unlikely

ABSOLUTE WORDS

Must

Always

Never

Only

Ever

- ▶ Essential laboratory values that you need to know:
 - ▶ ABG
 - ▶ Renal function test
 - ▶ Serum chemistry and CBC
 - ▶ CSF findings

Values on test will either be in normal range or significantly abnormal

TAKING THE EXAM



Get Plenty
of rest the
night
before



Don't go
hungry



TAKING THE EXAM

- ▶ Read the question thoroughly before you look at the answer
- ▶ Words such as most, first, best, and initial indicate you need to establish priorities
- ▶ Eliminate options that are clearly wrong or incorrect
- ▶ Select the best answer from the ones provided
- ▶ Do not worry about your selection
- ▶ Answer every question

MURRAY!

