

Staple Removal Quiz

(Please circle your answer to each question)

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

- 1) Should a patient pre-medicate prior to staple removal?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) Yes, if pain medication is ordered by MD

- 2) When should staples be removed from the knee?
 - a) 5-7 day post-op
 - b) 3-5 days post-op
 - c) 7-10 days post-op

- 3) To ensure complete staple removal, the clinician should count the observable staples?
 - a) Before staple removal
 - b) After staple removal
 - c) During staple removal
 - d) A & B

- 4) Post staple removal, steri-strips provide the incision line support, prevention of a wide scar, and skin separation. Should the clinician obtain a MD order for the steri-strip application?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

- 5) Where should the clinician dispose of old staples and old staple removal tool once the procedure is completed?
 - a) Patient's trash
 - b) Drop off at patient's pharmacy
 - c) Sharps container

- 6) Incision line should be examined prior to staple removal for:
 - a) Infection
 - b) Gaping
 - c) Counting of staples
 - d) A, B & C

- 7) If gaping occurs along incision line during staple removal the clinician should:
 - a) Continue to remove remaining staples
 - b) Apply steri-strips to open gap
 - c) Call MD for further orders
 - d) B & C

- 8) Skin prep/skin protectant should be applied to peri-wound skin when applying steri-strips
- a) True
 - b) False
- 9) Documentation in patient's medical record should include:
- a) Description of the incision line
 - b) Total number of staples removed
 - c) Patient's response to procedure
 - d) All of the above
- 10) Patient teaching should include:
- a) Signs and symptoms of infection
 - b) Protecting incision from sunlight x 6 months
 - c) Showering, bathing and swimming only with MD orders
 - d) All of the above