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Midazolam Course Quiz

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Student Name:		**Date:**	
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This quiz is used to confirm your learning experience, all responses will be discussed.
Please hand in the quiz to your trainer.

Multiple Choice Questions: **(☑ tick the appropriate box/s)**

1. Midazolam is a short acting sedative which can be used as an emergency medication to control seizures for people with a history of prolonged or clustered seizures or status epilepticus?

☑ True ❐ False

2. Midazolam should be stored at less than 25 degrees Celsius out of reach of children.

☑ True ❐ False

3. Midazolam can only be administered if there is a current medical authority (administration order) from a doctor and should only be given if the seizure matches the description of the seizure on the administration order.

☑ True ❐ False

4. An ambulance should be called

❐ At any time if you are in any doubt

❐ At the direction of the seizure management plan or medical authority

❐ If the person has any breathing difficulties

☑ All of the above

5. After administering midazolam it is important to remain with the person to observe their breathing until they have recovered or until an ambulance arrives?

☑ True ❐ False

6. If you made a medication error or omission in administering emergency medications for seizures you should:

- ☐ Inform your supervisor and/or prescribing medical officer
- ☐ Complete an incident report form/Document the error
- ☐ Call an ambulance
- ☑ All of the above

7. It is acceptable to transcribe or copy a valid medication order onto another document which is not signed by the doctor.

- ☐ True
- ☑ False

8. Prior to giving midazolam it is important to read the administration order and the medication packaging and check:

- ☐ It is the right person
- ☐ The medication name, dose, expiry date, and how to give it
- ☐ The seizure is still active
- ☑ All of the above

Short Answer Questions:

9. List the three (3) *most important* side effects that may occur with Midazolam

1. Slow shallow breathing or respiratory depression
2. Drowsiness, tiredness, weakness, altered mood, headache or stinging of the nostrils

NOTE: Slow shallow breathing or respiratory depression must be included in the answer, plus two other of any side effects listed above.

10. List two (2) health and safety precautions when administrating Midazolam

1. Safety precautions, use gloves and wash hands/hand sanitiser
2. Manual handling, do with care so as not to injure yourself or the client
3. Storage of medication

Any two of the above

11. What is the definition of duty of care?

Take reasonable care not to cause injury or harm.