EMTALA: What You Need to Know

Post-test

Name:___________________________________      Date:_____________      Score:_____________

1) EMTALA stipulates that:
   a) Hospitals must cure every patient who presents
   b) Hospitals may manage their capacity by directing patients to other facilities
   c) Any person who presents stating they have an emergency medical condition will be given a medical screening exam by a qualified medical provider
   d) If a hospital cannot care for a particular condition, such as a burn, they may immediately refer the patient to the correct facility before initiating care

2) At NHRMC, qualified medical providers are:
   a) Any RN
   b) ED RN’s who have met the qualifications to be assigned to “point triage”
   c) MD’s, NP’s or PA’s
   d) Specially trained screener RN’s

3) A hospital’s EMTALA obligation exists how far around the main campus buildings:
   a) 250 yards
   b) If the patient is not in the building, EMTALA has not triggered
   c) 100 feet
   d) EMTALA only gets triggered when the patient arrives at triage or by EMS

4) It is a very busy afternoon in the ED and wait times are long. A disgruntled patient approaches the triage nurse demanding to be seen immediately. Which of the following is the appropriate response:
   a) “Let me check the tracking board. It may be quicker for you to be seen at one of our other ED’s.”
   b) “There is an urgent care center within a couple of miles of here. Since you have insurance, you could go there.”
   c) “I am sorry for the wait. Do you feel that your condition has changed? I would be happy to complete another assessment.”
   d) “If you had a real emergency, we would have already had you in the back.”
5) Please select ALL of the possible penalties for substantiated EMTALA violations:
   a) Terminating a hospital’s participation in Medicare
   b) $50,000 fine for hospitals
   c) Revocation of hospital’s license
   d) $50,000 fine for physicians