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Question: 1

The documentation states:

He was then sterilely prepped and draped along the flank and abdomen in the usual sterile fashion. I first made a skin incision off the tip of the twelfth rib, extending medially along the banger's lines of the skin. This was approximately 3.5 cm in length. Once this incision was carried sharply, electrocautery was used to gain access through the external oblique, internal oblique, and transverse abdominis musculature and fascia.

What surgical approach was used for this procedure?

- A. Percutaneous
- B. Laparoscopic
- C. Cannot determine based on the documentation
- D. Open

Answer: D

Explanation:

The documentation describes making a skin incision off the tip of the twelfth rib and extending medially along the banger's lines of the skin. The use of electrocautery to gain access through multiple layers of musculature and fascia indicates an open surgical approach. Open surgery involves making a large incision to expose and directly view the surgical site. This is distinct from percutaneous (which involves needles or catheters), laparoscopic (which uses small incisions and a camera), and other minimally invasive techniques.

Reference: AMA's CPT® Professional Edition, ICD-10-CM, and HCPCS Level II (current year)

Question: 2

The mediastinum is:

- A. A location in the chest, bounded by the sternum, diaphragm, and lungs
- B. A small endocrine organ behind the heart
- C. A part of the lymphatic system
- D. Both the heart and lungs

Answer: A

Explanation:

The mediastinum is an anatomical region located in the thoracic cavity. It is bounded by the sternum in front, the vertebral column at the back, and is situated between the lungs. It contains the heart, trachea, esophagus, thymus, and other structures, but it is not itself an organ. Therefore, the correct answer is that it is a location in the chest.

Reference: ICD-10-CM, Medical Anatomy and Physiology textbooks

Question: 3

Patient is diagnosed with dacryocystitis, which is the inflammation of?

- A. Cornea
- B. Fingernail
- C. Eardrum
- D. Lacrimal sac

Answer: D

Explanation:

Dacryocystitis is the inflammation of the lacrimal sac, which is part of the tear drainage system located in the inner corner of the eye. The lacrimal sac is connected to the nasolacrimal duct, which drains tears into the nasal cavity. Inflammation in this area can cause pain, redness, and swelling near the inner corner of the eye.

Reference: ICD-10-CM, medical dictionaries

Question: 4

In rhinoplasty:

- A. The nose is reconstructed
- B. The brow is reconstructed
- C. The lips are reconstructed
- D. The chin is reconstructed

Answer: A

Explanation:

Rhinoplasty is a surgical procedure performed to reconstruct or reshape the nose. It can be done for cosmetic reasons or to improve breathing function. The term "rhino" refers to the nose, and "plasty" refers to the surgical molding or forming of a part of the body.

Reference: AMA's CPT® Professional Edition, medical dictionaries

Question: 5

Where is a Warthin's tumor found?

- A. Ovary
- B. Bone
- C. Salivary gland
- D. Back of eye

Answer: C

Explanation:

Warthin's tumor, also known as papillary cystadenoma lymphomatosum, is a benign tumor of the salivary glands, most commonly affecting the parotid gland. It typically presents as a painless, slow-growing mass near the angle of the jaw.

Reference: ICD-10-CM, medical dictionaries, and oncology textbooks

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