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Medical Errors Overview

1. Recent studies have shown that patients in the intensive care unit (ICU) are more likely than other hospitalized patients to experience medical errors.

A. True
B. False

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2. Medical errors can occur at which of the following stages of patient management?

A. Diagnosis
B. Treatment
C. Prevention
D. All of the above

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3. All medical errors lead to an adverse event.

A. True
B. False

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4. According to the IATROREF study, which of the following factors may put patients at risk for medical errors?

A. Mechanical ventilation
B. Central catheterization
C. ACE inhibitor use
D. Both A and B

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5. Your nurse manager has asked you to develop strategies to detect and prevent medial errors. Which of the following strategies can be used to reduce medical errors in your hospital?

A. Conduct patient care audits and provide feedback
B. Initiate reminder systems
C. Provide healthcare professionals with printed educational material
D. All of the above

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