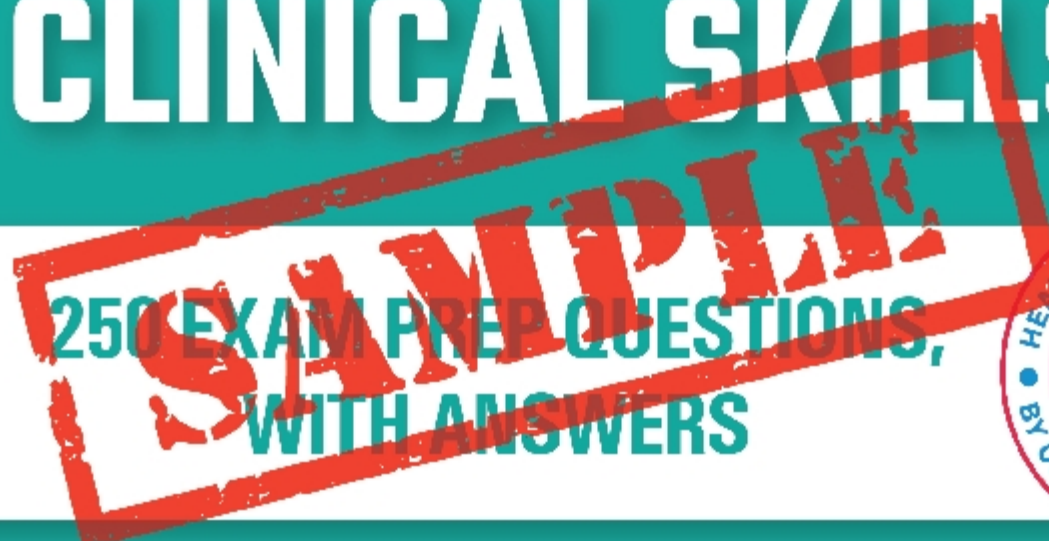


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Year 2: Essential Skills & Procedures for Spine Specialists
Subject 3: Spine Surgery: Techniques and Procedures

1. What is a common indication for spinal fusion?

- a) Severe spinal instability
- b) Normal wear and tear
- c) Minor disc herniation
- d) General back pain

Correct Answer: a) Severe spinal instability

2. Which technique is primarily used in laminectomy?

- a) Bone removal
- b) Nerve harvesting
- c) Muscle cutting
- d) Joint replacement

Correct Answer: a) Bone removal

3. What is a key benefit of minimally invasive spine surgery?

- a) More extensive procedures
- b) Smaller incisions
- c) Longer recovery time
- d) Increased risk of complications

Correct Answer: b) Smaller incisions

4. Which of these is a potential complication of spinal surgery?

- a) Infection risk
- b) Reduced pain
- c) Improved mobility
- d) Enhanced stability

Correct Answer: a) Infection risk



5. What is the primary goal of spinal fusion surgery?

- a) Increase range of motion
- b) Relieve muscle tension
- c) Stabilize the spine
- d) Decrease muscle strength

Correct Answer: c) Stabilize the spine

6. When is laminectomy typically recommended?

- a) Spinal stenosis
- b) Simple back strain
- c) Chronic headaches
- d) Muscle spasms

Correct Answer: a) Spinal stenosis

7. What is a common post-operative care practice?

- a) High-impact activities
- b) Immediate heavy lifting
- c) Regular physical therapy
- d) Prolonged bed rest

Correct Answer: c) Regular physical therapy

8. Which condition often leads to spinal fusion?

- a) Severe degenerative disc disease
- b) Normal aging
- c) Mild scoliosis
- d) Occasional back pain

Correct Answer: a) Severe degenerative disc disease



9. What is a disadvantage of traditional spine surgery?

- a) Minimal blood loss
- b) Large incisions
- c) Less postoperative pain
- d) Quick recovery

Correct Answer: b) Large incisions

10. Which imaging technique is crucial for spine surgery planning?

- a) MRI
- b) CT scan
- c) Ultrasound
- d) X-ray

Correct Answer: a) MRI

11. What is the role of bone graft in spinal fusion?

- a) Increase mobility
- b) Decrease stability
- c) Provide pain relief
- d) Facilitate fusion

Correct Answer: d) Facilitate fusion

12. Which type of anesthesia is typically used during spine surgery?

- a) No anesthesia
- b) General anesthesia
- c) Local anesthesia
- d) Sedation only

Correct Answer: b) General anesthesia



13. What is a common symptom indicating the need for laminectomy?

- a) Chest pain
- b) Leg weakness
- c) Abdominal cramps
- d) Eye strain

Correct Answer: b) Leg weakness

14. Which is a minimally invasive technique for spinal surgery?

- a) Traditional fusion
- b) Open laminectomy
- c) Endoscopic discectomy
- d) Arthrodesis

Correct Answer: c) Endoscopic discectomy

15. What is a common post-operative complication of spinal fusion?

- a) Non-union of bones
- b) Improved function
- c) Enhanced mobility
- d) Reduced pain

Correct Answer: a) Non-union of bones

16. What is the recommended activity post-laminectomy?

- a) Sitting for long periods
- b) Heavy lifting
- c) Gradual ambulation
- d) High-impact sports

Correct Answer: c) Gradual ambulation



17. What does the term "decompression" refer to in spine surgery?

- a) Removing bone
- b) Stabilizing vertebrae
- c) Relieving nerve pressure
- d) Increasing pressure

Correct Answer: c) Relieving nerve pressure

18. What is the purpose of pre-operative imaging for spine surgery?

- a) Predict pain levels
- b) Identify abnormalities
- c) Assess surgical risks
- d) Determine recovery time

Correct Answer: b) Identify abnormalities

19. Which factor can affect recovery after spinal surgery?

- a) Hair color
- b) Height
- c) Age
- d) Shoe size

Correct Answer: c) Age

20. What is the main goal of post-operative physical therapy?

- a) Improve strength and mobility
- b) Reduce flexibility
- c) Increase fitness levels
- d) Limit movement

Correct Answer: a) Improve strength and mobility



21. What is a common cause of spinal stenosis?

- a) Age-related changes
- b) Obesity
- c) Genetic disorders
- d) Athletic injuries

Correct Answer: a) Age-related changes

22. What is a primary surgical option for herniated discs?

- a) Vertebroplasty
- b) Laminectomy
- c) Spinal fusion
- d) Endoscopic discectomy

Correct Answer: d) Endoscopic discectomy

23. What is a common risk factor for spine surgery complications?

- a) Adequate hydration
- b) Balanced diet
- c) High fitness level
- d) Smoking

Correct Answer: d) Smoking

24. What does a "failed back surgery syndrome" refer to?

- a) Enhanced mobility
- b) Successful fusion
- c) Complete recovery
- d) Persistent pain after surgery

Correct Answer: d) Persistent pain after surgery



25. Which of these is critical for successful spinal fusion?

- a) Adequate rest
- b) Proper nutrition
- c) Physical activity
- d) Smoking habits

Correct Answer: b) Proper nutrition



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