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QUESTION 1

SINGLE CHOICE

After each client, a licensed manicurist must properly disinfect tools and implements. Which of the following is an acceptable method for disinfecting metal manicuring implements between clients?

- ☐ A Wiping the implements with a dry towel
- ☐ B Rinsing the implements under warm running water only
- ☒ C Completely immersing the implements in an EPA-registered disinfectant solution for the manufacturer's recommended contact time
- ☐ D Spraying the implements with rubbing alcohol and immediately drying them

ANSWER C

WHY California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology regulations require that implements, after being cleaned, be disinfected by complete immersion in an EPA-registered disinfectant following the manufacturer's recommended contact time. Wiping, rinsing only, or a quick alcohol spray do not meet the disinfection standard.

QUESTION 2

SINGLE CHOICE

Under the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology rules, which item is prohibited from being used in a licensed manicure establishment?

- ☐ A Single-use disposable nail files
- ☒ B Unbuffered methyl methacrylate (MMA) monomer liquid acrylic products
- ☐ C Paraffin wax approved for cosmetic use
- ☐ D New, unopened disposable wooden cuticle sticks

ANSWER B

WHY Methyl methacrylate (MMA) monomer is prohibited by the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology for use in nail services because of its potential to cause skin irritation, allergic reactions, and nail damage. The other listed items are acceptable when used properly.

QUESTION 3

MULTIPLE CHOICE

If a manicurist accidentally breaks a client's skin and a drop of blood appears during a service, which steps must the manicurist take? (Choose two.)

- ☐ **A** Continue the service without stopping
- ☒ **B** Stop service immediately and put on disposable gloves
- ☐ **C** Apply a styptic pencil directly to the broken skin without gloves
- ☒ **D** Place any implements that contacted the blood into a labeled, closed container for disinfection or proper disposal

ANSWER B • D

WHY California regulations require the manicurist to stop the service, don disposable gloves before coming into contact with blood, and isolate any contaminated implements for proper disinfection or disposal. Continuing the service or applying a styptic pencil without gloves violates safety rules.

QUESTION 4

SINGLE CHOICE

Which structure is the hardened, visible portion of the nail that is composed of layers of dead, keratinized cells?

- ☐ **A** The nail matrix
- ☒ **B** The nail plate
- ☐ **C** The hyponychium
- ☐ **D** The nail bed

ANSWER B

WHY The nail plate is the hard, visible part of the nail made of keratinized, dead cells. The matrix is the living tissue that produces the nail, the hyponychium is the skin under the free edge, and the nail bed is the skin beneath the plate.

QUESTION 5

SINGLE CHOICE

During a consultation, the client states they have a fungal infection on several fingernails. How should the manicurist respond?

- ☐ A Perform the manicure covering only the unaffected nails
- ☐ B Apply antifungal lotion during the service and proceed as usual
- ☒ C Decline nail services on the infected nails and refer the client to a physician
- ☐ D Soak the nails in hot water with bleach to kill the fungus before servicing

ANSWER C

WHY Onychomycosis (nail fungus) is a recognized contraindication for nail services on the affected nails. The manicurist should not perform services that could spread infection or worsen the condition and should refer the client to a physician for diagnosis and treatment.

QUESTION 6

SINGLE CHOICE

What is the correct order of steps in a standard manicure?

- ☐ A Apply polish, sanitize, shape nails, soak fingertips
- ☒ B Sanitize hands, shape nails, soak fingertips, push cuticles, apply polish
- ☐ C Soak fingertips, apply polish, sanitize hands, shape nails
- ☐ D Push cuticles, sanitize hands, shape nails, apply polish

ANSWER B

WHY A standard manicure begins with sanitizing the hands, followed by shaping the nails, soaking the fingertips to soften the skin, pushing and caring for the cuticles, and finishing with the application of polish if desired.

QUESTION 7

SINGLE CHOICE

Pedicure foot baths and basins must be properly cleaned and disinfected between clients. Which practice meets the California Board requirements for a whirlpool foot spa after each client?

- ☐ A Drain, rinse, and refill with fresh water for the next client
- ☒ B Drain, remove debris, clean with soap or detergent, and disinfect with an EPA-registered disinfectant following label directions
- ☐ C Add more disinfectant to the existing water for the next client
- ☐ D Wipe the outside of the basin and refill with water

ANSWER B

WHY California regulations require that whirlpool foot spas and basins be drained, cleaned of debris, washed with soap or detergent, and disinfected with an EPA-registered disinfectant according to the manufacturer's label instructions after each client.

QUESTION 8

SINGLE CHOICE

What is the minimum age required to be issued a California manicurist license by the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology?

- ☐ A 16 years old
- ☒ B 17 years old
- ☐ C 18 years old
- ☐ D 21 years old

ANSWER B

WHY An applicant for a California manicurist license must be at least 17 years of age, in addition to meeting training and examination requirements.

QUESTION 9

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which of the following are required storage practices for disinfected implements at a manicuring station? (Choose two.)

- ☒ **A** Store in a clean, closed container or ultraviolet sanitizer
- ☐ **B** Keep in a drawer where they can touch other unsterilized items
- ☒ **C** Keep them in a manner that prevents recontamination until next use
- ☐ **D** Place them loosely in an open tray on the work surface

ANSWER A • C

WHY Disinfected implements must be stored in a manner that keeps them clean and prevents contamination, such as in a closed container or an approved ultraviolet sanitizer. Open trays or drawers where they contact non-disinfected items can lead to recontamination.