



Test your STANDARDS



The Questions

How well do you *really* know the standards? Take this short quiz to refresh your memory, test your knowledge, and/or educate your staff about the Environment of Care, Emergency Management, and Life Safety standards and other essential accreditation information. Use the quiz to help brush up on key topics or even to prepare for the Certified Joint Commission Professional® (CJCP®) exam.* Turn to page 11 for the answers, if you don't already know them.

1. How frequently must health care organizations test the high- and low-water- level alarms on their automatic sprinkler systems' water-storage tanks?
 - a. quarterly
 - b. every six months
 - c. annually
2. Existing combustible materials storage rooms larger than 50 square feet that do not have fire-rated walls with $\frac{3}{4}$ -hour fire-rated doors
 - a. may have doors held open by an automatic release device, be resistant to the passage of smoke, and have positive-latching doors
 - b. must be sprinklered, be resistant to the passage of smoke, and have a self-closing or automatic-closing door devices
 - c. may be sprinklered, have self-closures on doors, and be resistant to the passage of smoke
3. The air in an operating room should be _____.
 - a. positively pressurized compared with surrounding areas
 - b. negatively pressurized compared with surrounding areas
 - c. unpressurized
4. During an emergency, which of the following should an organization NOT share with other organizations in the community?
 - a. Beds
 - b. Personal protective equipment
 - c. Security codes
5. An organization should test piped medical gas and vacuum systems for _____, correct gas, and proper pressure when these systems are installed, modified, or repaired.
 - a. volume
 - b. purity
 - c. temperature

How did you do? Check the answer key on page 11.

* In January 2013, Joint Commission Resources (JCR) launched its credential for accreditation professionals—Certified Joint Commission Professional® (CJCP®). Each month, this column features a sample question similar to those that appear on the examination. Please note that the sample questions are NOT actual examination questions. For more information on CJCP®, visit <http://www.jcrinc.com/cjcp-certification/>. You may also e-mail questions directly to cjcp@jcrinc.com.

Here are the answers to the questions on page 2. How did you do?

- 1. B, every six months.** Health care organizations that use external water tanks to supply their automatic sprinkler systems must test water level alarms every six months, and must thoroughly document the results. The goal is to ensure that the organization has adequate water supply to effectively feed the automatic sprinkler system.
STANDARDS REFERENCE: EC.02.03.05, EP 7
- 2. B.** Existing combustible materials storage rooms larger than 50 square feet that do not have fire-rated walls with $\frac{3}{4}$ -hour fire-rated doors **must be sprinklered, be resistant to the passage of smoke, and have self-closing or automatic-closing door devices.** These features are not optional, as implied by the use of the word *may* in answers A and C.
STANDARDS REFERENCE: LS.02.01.30, EP 2
- 3. A, positively pressurized compared with surrounding areas.** Consistent air flow control is a significant factor in preventing the spread of airborne contaminants. Air should move from clean to dirty spaces, particularly in high-risk locations, such as the operating room. Therefore, the operating room should
- be positively pressurized (pushing air out from the space) as compared with surrounding areas, such as a sterile corridor or soiled utility room.
STANDARDS REFERENCE: EC.02.05.01, EP 6
- 4. C, security codes.** In an Emergency Operations Plan, an organization should describe how it will share resources and assets with other health care organizations within the community, if necessary. Examples of resources and assets that might be shared include beds, transportation, linens, fuel, personal protective equipment, medical equipment, and supplies. An organization should not share its security codes, as doing so could compromise patient and staff safety as well as information security.
STANDARDS REFERENCE: EM.02.02.03, EP 4
- 5. B, purity.** Whenever an organization installs, modifies, or repairs a piped medical gas system, staff should test for purity, correct gas, and proper pressure. The organization should document the completion dates of these tests.
STANDARDS REFERENCE: EC.02.05.09, EP 2