

## How to get the most out of our MPJE Study Guides?

In recent years, we all know that passing MPJE is beat more challenging and frustrating. Many questions fall into gray area, and many times we don't know what to answer based on provided information in an exam or in a law study material.

To successfully tackle an MPJE exam, students/pharmacists or test takers need to be more attentive to information present in our study materials. Detail explanation is a key. Please put more emphasis on minute things that are present in an answer explanation rather than just focusing solely on a question. The following example from our Rhode Island MPJE quiz preparation shall make this clearer.

One of the questions in our Rhode Island study material is as follows:

According to Rhode Island State Pharmacy Law, each emergency kit shall be inspected by a pharmacist or his/her designee quarterly to check for expiration dates of drugs and the integrity of the seal.

- a. True
- b. False

The question looks straight forward and seems easy to answer if you know the fact that the emergency kit requires monthly verification for expiration dates of drugs and the integrity of its seal. The non-attentive reader will only focus on this information and move on to the next set of question. The detail explanation for this non-attentive reader should be somewhat like this and he/she only give importance to a word MONTHLY (shown as underline):

Answer: (b) False, [Title 216 Chapter 40 Subchapter 15 Part 1 Section 1.5.10].

1. The pharmacist-in-charge or designee, and the medical staff of the medical institution, jointly determine the drugs to be included in the kit by identity and quantity.
2. Drugs included in the kit shall be limited to those for emergency use only and are not to be used for any other purpose.
3. The emergency kit shall be sealed with a non-reusable, easily removable seal to prevent unauthorized access, and to ensure a proper environment for preservation of the drugs.
4. The exterior of the emergency kit shall be labeled so as to clearly indicate that it is an emergency drug kit.
5. A listing of the drugs contained therein including name, strength and quantity of each drug or device shall be attached.
6. Each emergency kit shall be inspected by a pharmacist or his/her designee **MONTHLY** to check for expiration dates and the integrity of the seal.

7. All drugs within the emergency kit shall be labeled, if applicable, with the name, strength, lot number, manufacturer and expiration date.
8. Drugs and devices shall be removed from the emergency kit for administration to a patient only pursuant to a valid physician's order, by personnel authorized by the medical institution.
9. The pharmacy shall be notified whenever an emergency kit is opened. The pharmacist or designee shall re-stock, reseal and return the kit to the unit within a reasonable length of time.
10. The pharmacy may use automated storage and distribution devices as an emergency kit so long as the automated storage and distribution device complies with the provisions of this section.

However, for attentive readers – there are many more minute information present in the detail explanation. An attentive reader should see the explanation in a following manner (shown as underline).

1. The pharmacist-in-charge or designee, and the medical staff of the medical institution, jointly determine the drugs to be included in the kit by identity and quantity.
2. Drugs included in the kit shall be limited to those for emergency use only and are not to be used for any other purpose.
3. The emergency kit shall be sealed with a non-reusable, easily removable seal to prevent unauthorized access, and to ensure a proper environment for preservation of the drugs.
4. The exterior of the emergency kit shall be labeled so as to clearly indicate that it is an emergency drug kit.
5. A listing of the drugs contained therein including name, strength and quantity of each drug or device shall be attached.
6. Each emergency kit shall be inspected by a pharmacist or his/her designee MONTHLY to check for expiration dates and the integrity of the seal.
7. All drugs within the emergency kit shall be labeled, if applicable, with the name, strength, lot number, manufacturer and expiration date.
8. Drugs and devices shall be removed from the emergency kit for administration to a patient only pursuant to a valid physician's order, by personnel authorized by the medical institution.
9. The pharmacy shall be notified whenever an emergency kit is opened. The pharmacist or designee shall re-stock, reseal and return the kit to the unit within a reasonable length of time.
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In above paragraph, there are few important terms or phrases that the reader should notice. For example, pay attention to phrase “pharmacist-in-charge or designee, and the medical staff of the medical institution”

Based on above phrase you may encounter the question in your exam as:

**Potential Question 1:** *Who may jointly determine the drugs to be included in the kit by identity and quantity? [Select All That Apply]*

- a. Pharmacist
- b. Nurse practitioner
- c. Medical director
- d. Pharmacy-intern

The answer should be all. The phrase pharmacist-in-charge or designee may prompt you to select both, the pharmacist and pharmacy intern; whereas the phrase the medical staff of the medical institution may validate other two choices such as nurse practitioner and the medical director of institution.

**Potential Question 2:** *Who may check expiration dates of drugs present in an emergency kit? [Select All That Apply]*

- a. Pharmacist
- b. Pharmacy technician
- c. Pharmacy intern

Again, key is phrase - a pharmacist or his/her designee, so based on this information any designated pharmacy personal (i.e. pharmacy technician or pharmacy-intern) can check expiration dates of drugs present in an emergency kit or the integrity of the emergency kit seal.

**Potential Question 3:** *Who may restock in an emergency kit? [Select All That Apply]*

- a. Pharmacist
- b. Pharmacy technician
- c. Pharmacy intern

For the same reason, the answer should be all. Since the phrase the pharmacist or designee shall re-stock, reseal and return the kit to the unit within a reasonable length of time.

There are many more questions can be created based on the explanation provided. If you give attention to this minute information and make a note of them while going through the study material, we can assure you - you can surely pass your MPJE exam.