



**UPSTATE MEDICAL
HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION TIP SHEET**

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Do you have an accreditation question: Call 464-4253

Please use the tip sheet to stimulate discussion with your staff on how they should respond to a surveyor asking the questions.

- 1. What does PPE stand for?**
 - A. Personal products and equipment**
 - B. People prepared and equipped**
 - C. Protective patient equipment**
 - D. Personal protective equipment**

ANSWER: D, PPE = Personal protective equipment such as gloves, gowns, masks, goggles or face shields.

- 2. TRUE OR FALSE: According to DNV, hospitals need a plan to address safety recalls and alerts.**

ANSWER: TRUE, See [MM P-30](#) Product Recall Management-Hospital Purchasing

- 3. TRUE OR FALSE: Staff need to ascertain the existence of Advance Directives for all patients on admission to the hospital or entry into University Hospital's associated clinics.**

ANSWER: TRUE

- 4. TRUE OR FALSE: DNV will be following up to verify we do not have any outdated medications or supplies in patient care areas that could be mistakenly used.**

ANSWER: TRUE, Blood collection tubes and culture specimen collection tubes have expiration dates and need to be checked and expired tubes pulled out of service. It is a good practice to check expiration dates before using. Also verify medical equipment has an inspection sticker that shows it has been inspected by Clinical Engineering.

5. **TRUE OR FALSE : The CDC guidelines say that health care personnel should not wear artificial nails and should keep natural nails less than one quarter inch long if they care for patients at high risk of acquiring infections (e.g. patients in intensive care units or in transplant units).**

ANSWER: TRUE, UH follows the CDC guidelines.