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 - a. Pasteur
 - b. Lister
 - c. Esmarch
 - d. Larrey
2. It is important for the trauma care team to include proper dealing with the media as part of disaster response planning. Which of the following steps should not be included in "media crisis" planning?
 - a. Be proactive with communication about the event; release the basic facts as quickly as possible.
 - b. Remember to simplify technical issues and avoid jargon when responding to the public.
 - c. Be prepared to give reaction to public response to a situation.
 - d. Never respond to a question with, "I don't know."
 - e. Always take the media dealings seriously.
3. In which countries is active euthanasia legal?
 - a. Holland, Belgium, and the UK
 - b. Germany, Switzerland, and Holland
 - c. Belgium, Holland, and Switzerland
 - d. Germany, France, and Holland
4. When a patient has an advance care plan in his/her medical record, which of the following is true?
 - a. The patient does not want CPR attempted.
 - b. The patient has not chosen a healthcare agent.
 - c. The patient has stated a preference for future medical care.
 - d. The patient wants no heroics.
5. The Global Collaboration for Blood Safety is a WHO-supported group whose goal is to decrease the amount of blood transfusions in trauma patients.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. For most medical journals, the instructions for authors request an abstract of how many words?
 - a. 300–350
 - b. 200–250
 - c. 100–150
 - d. 400–500
7. Photo messaging using cellular phone technology has proved successful in a trial by an orthopaedic trauma practice. Advantages of this technology include:
 - a. Immediate assessment of an injury by an off-site surgeon.
 - b. Reduced need for staff to return to the hospital to review radiographs.
 - c. Reduced physician working hours.
 - d. All of the above.
8. According to published literature, which of the following is true regarding the need for a trauma surgeon to be available in the emergency department?
 - a. A trauma surgeon on duty in the emergency department reduces patient mortality and complication rates.
 - b. Early involvement by a trauma surgeon does not necessarily expedite urgent interventions or hasten flow through the emergency department.
 - c. There is insufficient evidence to support or refute the need for the presence of a trauma surgeon in the emergency department.
9. According to Curtis et al in Australia, the introduction of trauma case management improved
 - a. Quality of care
 - b. Patient morbidity
 - c. Financial performance
 - d. Use of resources
 - e. All of the above
10. Non-heart-beating donors are selected from patients who have survivable injuries, from whom the family chooses to withdraw life support.
 - a. True
 - b. False

11. In a survey of flight physicians in Switzerland, which aspect of the Glasgow Coma Scale score was most commonly miscalculated when assessing brain-injured patients?
 - a. The eye score
 - b. The verbal score
 - c. The motor score
 - d. The total score
12. There are currently no randomised controlled trials regarding the use of decompressive craniectomy in the management of severe traumatic brain injury.
 - a. True
 - b. False
13. When managing multisystem injury in the elderly trauma patient, it is important to determine if there was any predisposition to the injury. What appears as a minor injury may be life-threatening in the face of limited physiologic reserve. One of the most serious situations, and one of the most difficult to treat, is overperfusion.
 - a. True
 - b. False
14. Diffuse axonal injury is a feature of clinical head injury.
 - a. True
 - b. False
15. What is the most essential characteristic of a pelvic sling, belt, or binder?
 - a. Reusability
 - b. Ease of application
 - c. One size fits all
 - d. Force control for effective reduction and patient safety
16. An Australian study of the use of retrievable inferior vena cava (IVC) filters showed no difference in retrieval rates for filters removed within days after insertion and those removed 8 weeks after insertion.
 - a. True
 - b. False
17. The increased risk of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism during air travel may be associated with alterations in the coagulation profile caused by mild hypoxia.
 - a. True
 - b. False
18. The International Chief Emergency Physician (ICEP) course was established in 1998. The experienced and expert faculty conduct an intensive 5-day curriculum to participants comprising an international forum of physicians from all aspects of emergency and trauma care. The ICEP course differs from other international trauma courses because it focuses on all areas of major incidents and disasters.
 - a. True
 - b. False
19. The primary cause of death due to organophosphate insecticide poisoning is
 - a. Cardiac failure
 - b. Ventilatory failure
 - c. Renal failure
 - d. Brain damage
20. Ultrasound cannot be considered a definitive diagnostic tool for blunt laryngotracheal injury because
 - a. Emphysema may obscure the image
 - b. An injury posterior to the larynx might not be detected
 - c. a and b

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