

Skill: Giving injections

Question and Answer

Check correct answers

Q: What may be the result of poor hygiene during injection?

- Infection or an abscess at the injection site

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Q: What is the result of too little or too much product being injected?

- Too little - product may be ineffective
- Too much - is wasteful and adds cost

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Q: How is the correct dosage rate arrived at?

- From the department *Treatment protocols*
- From the dosage rate (ml/kg) on the medicine bottle label, using the *Dose calculator for injected medicines* chart

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Q: What may happen if the needle length is incorrect?

- The product may be injected into the wrong tissue, rendering it ineffective

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Q: What may happen if too long or large a gauge needle is used for smaller pigs?

- It may cause physical damage and distress

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Q: Describe the correct part of the neck for intramuscular injection

- Towards the top of the neck above and behind the area of loose skin behind the ear

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Q: What is the best way of giving a subcutaneous injection?

- By creating a fold of skin by pinching with the thumb and forefinger on the loose skin behind the ear, then inserting the needle at a slight angle to run under the skin and beneath the fold created

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Q: What is the primary aim of medicines recording and pig identification?

- To minimize the risk of medicines residues in pigmeat

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Q: Where can the withdrawal period for a medicine be found?

- On the medicine bottle label
- In the department *Treatment protocols*

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Q: What can be done to minimize the risk of injury to the operator by needles?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect with a plastic cap when not in use 	13	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrain or snare pigs that are likely to be difficult to inject 	14	
Q: What should be done with used needles?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place in a “sharps” container 	15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send for incineration by a specialist waste disposal company or dispose of according to the farm Waste disposal protocol 	16	

Total up correct answers		
Number of correct answers required	11	
Sign trainees record of achievement		
If less than 11 correct answers, arrange date for second review		

