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1. True (A) or false (B):  
**The most common hospital-acquired infections are urinary tract infections, pneumonia and surgical wound infections.**
2. Which of the following is NOT correct? The WHO Guide recommends the following to reduce hospital-acquired infections:
  - a) **Providing direct patient care using practices that minimise infections**
  - b) **Spraying regularly for cockroaches**
  - c) **Following appropriate hygiene practices, e.g. hand washing**
  - d) **Obtaining appropriate microbiological specimens when an infection is present or suspected.**
3. True (A) or false (B):  
**The common law provides that patients who contract hospital-acquired infections due to medical negligence by healthcare providers may sue such providers for damages.**
4. True (A) or false (B):  
**Measles is an acute vaccine-preventable infection common in childhood.**
5. True (A) or false (B):  
**Measles is caused by the varicella virus.**
6. True (A) or false (B):  
**In the case of HIV with measles co-infection, children may present either without rash, or with an uncharacteristic rash.**
7. True (A) or false (B):  
**South Africa has the highest incidence and mortality rates of tuberculosis (TB) in the world.**
8. True (A) or false (B):  
**Currently over 65% of newly diagnosed patients with TB in South Africa have multidrug-resistant (MDR) TB.**
9. True (A) or false (B):  
**MDR TB is defined as TB resistant to isoniazid and rifampicin.**
10. True (A) or false (B):  
**MDR TB is easily differentiated clinically from drug-sensitive TB, as its symptoms are much milder.**
11. True (A) or false (B):  
**MDR TB can be identified by culturing sputum with drug sensitivity testing and by line probe assays.**
12. True (A) or false (B):  
**Patients who are on ineffective drug regimens fuel TB drug resistance.**
13. True (A) or false (B):  
**Most patients presenting at a specialised TB clinic in KwaZulu-Natal were coughing, thereby fuelling the spread of community-transmitted MDR TB.**
14. True (A) or false (B):  
**Second-line injectable drugs (amikacin, kanamycin, capreomycin) used for MDR TB treatment have significant adverse effects, especially ototoxicity and nephrotoxicity.**
15. True (A) or false (B):  
**Ototoxicity due to treatment with aminoglycoside is fortunately completely and quickly reversible.**
16. True (A) or false (B):  
**Cessation of aminoglycoside treatment immediately stops ototoxic injury.**
17. True (A) or false (B):  
**Within 3 months of in-hospital aminoglycoside therapy, 57% of patients developed high-frequency hearing loss.**
18. True (A) or false (B):  
**Fresh-frozen plasma is rarely used for inappropriate indications in South Africa.**
19. True (A) or false (B):  
**Skin staples used for skin closure after caesarean section are cheaper to use than sutures.**
20. True (A) or false (B):  
**A study found that one of the redeeming features of the use of skin staples used in caesarean section is that they have a much lower infection rate than sutures.**

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the journal. All the answers will be found there.
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