2. Digoxin .1250 mg

3. Digoxin 0.125 mg

4. Digoxin 0.1250 mg

ANS: C
Digoxin 0.125 mg illustrates the correct notation with a leading zero before the decimal point. Omitting the leading zero may cause the order to be misread, resulting in a large drug overdose. Digoxin .125 mg and digoxin .1250 mg do not have the leading zero before the decimal point. Digoxin 0.1250 mg has a trailing zero, which also is incorrect.

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3. When given a scheduled morning medication, the patient states, “I haven’t seen that pill before. Are you sure it’s correct?” The nurse checks the medication administration record and verifies that it is listed. Which is the nurse’s best response?

1. “It’s listed here on the medication sheet, so you should take it.”

2. “Go ahead and take it, and then I’ll check with your doctor about it.”

3. “It wouldn’t be listed here if it were not ordered for you!”

4. “Let me check on the order first before you take it.”

ANS: D

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When giving medications, the nurse should always listen to and honor any concerns or doubts expressed by the patient. If the patient doubts an order, the nurse should check the written order and/or check with the prescriber. The other options illustrate that the nurse is not listening to the patient’s concerns.

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4. During a period of time when the computerized medication order system was down, the prescriber wrote admission orders, and the nurse is transcribing them. The nurse is having