

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(ACTION PHASE)

Q. When I have already administered a Syringe to a Patient, e.g. containing two Green IV Drug tokens, can I add in it, later during the round, more tokens of the same type/color or do I need to use another Syringe?

A. You may add the new ones to the existing Syringe (assuming of course it has enough actual space for them). Each Syringe may contain up to 6 IV Drug/Blood tokens.

Q. What action is needed if I want to move a Patient from the Ward to one of the Exam areas?

A. Patients can be moved around the hospital freely. No particular action is needed.

Q. Why are there two Nurse Action slots in the Operating Rooms?

A. The second Nurse Action slot in the Operating Rooms can be used by another player in order to operate on the Patient faster, if need be.

Q. Do I restock the Pharmacy and Blood Bank between rounds?

A. No. Performing the actions Blood Donation, Store Medicine and Store Organs on the Blood Bank & Pharmacy board, as well as specific actions provided by several Research cards (if you have included them in your game), is the only way to get supplies after the game has started.

Q. I have two different Patients requiring the same exam (e.g. X-RAY). If the sand in the hourglass hasn't run out after successfully performing an X-RAY on the first Patient, am I allowed to immediately start performing an X-RAY on the second Patient or do I have to wait for the hourglass to run out and repeat the action afterwards?

A. You have to wait for the hourglass to run out (i.e. complete prior action) and then turn it over, in order to perform an X-RAY on the second Patient. An hourglass can only perform a single action per placement.

Q. After successfully performing an exam and while the sand in the Doctor Hourglass is still flowing, am I allowed to immediately move the Patient to another exam and have the action performed by another Doctor Hourglass or do I have to wait?

A. In almost all cases, you can immediately move the Patient away. However, an exception to that is the MRI exam, where, contrary to how the other exams work, the Patient must remain in the MRI area until the sand in the Doctor Hourglass runs out.

Q. If I repeat an exam, while it's not needed (e.g. perform Cultures exam twice, while the Patient's card features a single Infection Sign), is the second drawn Diagnosis card ignored or does it override the first one if it has a higher Treatment Effectiveness number?

A. As long as the performed exam is required by the Patient's Signs (i.e. you don't end up treating the Patient in any way other than what is required by her/his card), you may repeat it and every Diagnosis card drawn is valid and should be taken into consideration when determining the Patient's Diagnosis Treatment. Note, however, that while repeating an exam is not considered a Medical Error, you are not advised to do so, since time is the most valuable resource of the game!



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Q. If, during the round, I discard any Diagnosis cards that won't be applied, how can I check during Patient Evaluation Phase if all the necessary exams have been performed or not?

A. You only discard Diagnosis cards when the Patient dies or gets discharged, after being treated successfully. During the round, you should keep any non-chosen Diagnosis card(s) beneath the chosen one (i.e. the one on top should always be the one indicating the treatment applied to the Patient). This way you will be able to check if all the necessary exams have been performed or not.

Q. If a Patient is not fully treated during a round, do any Medication, Blood and/or Organs remain on them for the next round?

A. If, after applying the Medical Error's penalty, there is any Medication, Blood and/or Organs on the Patient that is not required, you may choose to return it to the Supply before proceeding to the next round. In other words, you get to decide what part of the treatment is returned to the Supply and what remains on the Patient for the next round.

Q. Should the Hospitalized Patients in the Patient Admission be treated by the end of the round they were drawn? Or does this only apply to the Regular Patients in the Outpatient Clinic and the Hospitalized Patients in the Wards? When Evaluating Patients at the end of the round for proper treatment, how do I handle admitted Patients that were not moved to a Ward?

A. Once admitted, all of the Patients must be treated by the end of the round. If the proper treatment wasn't provided to a Patient, it means that a Medical Error has been made and as a result, not only a Medical Points penalty is applied, but also Patient's condition gets worse for the next round.

Q. I misread what exams were needed to be done to a Patient and performed an unnecessary exam. Later in the round, I noticed the mishap and performed the necessary exams and provided all the Medication that was required by the proper Diagnosis card. During Patient Evaluation Phase, do I lose 2 Medical Points for performing an unnecessary exam? Does the extra Diagnosis card count as an "additional item"?

A. No, extra Diagnosis cards do not count as "additional items". The Overdose penalty (-2 Medical Points) only refers to Medication, Blood and/or Organs provided when not needed. Since you performed all the necessary exams, you ignored the Diagnosis card of the unnecessary exam when considering the Diagnosis Treatment (i.e. it didn't affect the Patient's treatment) and you only provided the treatment indicated on the Patient card and the Diagnosis card with the highest Treatment Effectiveness number, you lose no Medical Points.

Q. I forgot to perform one of the two required exams on one of my Patients. However, I successfully treated my Patient as per the Diagnosis card of the single exam that I performed. Is this considered a Medical Error? Do I still have to perform, during the next round, the other exam? What about any Medication, Blood and/or Organs already provided to the Patient?

A. Not performing one or more of the exams required is considered a Medical Error. Unless the Patient's Condition was already Critical (and therefore the Patient dies during the current Patient Evaluation Phase) you must perform the other exam as well, during the next round.

After applying the Medical Error's penalty, you may choose to return part or even the whole treatment already provided to the Supply before proceeding to the next round. This way, you either play safe by returning everything already provided and starting the treatment anew next round, or take the risk of losing 2 Medical Points (due to Overdose) during the next Patient Evaluation Phase, by returning nothing to the Supply, in the hope of drawing a Diagnosis card with lower Treatment Effectiveness number than the Diagnosis card you have already treated the Patient for.