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Patient Care Technician Certification Exam Content Outline

Approximate % of Exam	Content Categories
15.5%	Medical Terminology
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundations of Word Structures (roots, prefixes, suffixes)• Abbreviations (standard medical/pharmaceutical abbreviations/symbols)
5%	Ethical and Legal Issues
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scope of Practice• Legal Terms pertaining to medical care• Confidentiality (including HIPAA)• Professionalism, ethics and diversity awareness
11%	ECG
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heart structures and functions• Electrocardiography, including 12 lead placement and troubleshooting• Instrument and patient safety
28%	Basic Anatomy and Physiology
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Body Systems• Basic Disease Recognition
4%	Infection Control
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of Infection Control procedures; asepsis; universal precautions• Exposure Control including PPE, Standard Precautions, and safety
9.5%	Phlebotomy and related procedures
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Venipuncture and microsampling• Collecting urine and other lab specimens• Basic sample processing for send out
27%	Patient Care Responsibilities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taking Vitals• Communication, Comfort and Stress Relief• Assisting with activities of daily living• Monitoring dietary/liquid intake and output• Repositioning patients
100%	Total