HOW TO APPROACH EACH QUESTION:

1. FIND the actual Question (last line)
2. READ the whole scenario
3. MAKE NOTE of key demographic information - geography, ethnicity, gender, age, occupation
4. ANSWER the question in your head
5. READ the possible answers.
6. If your answer isn’t there, start over at Step 1.

REMEMBER: THINK LIKE A CLINICIAN!
What are they trying to ask you?

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET STUCK:

1. Eliminate clearly incorrect choices.
2. Try to ask yourself, “What would the hospital I work for want me to do in this situation?” – Is there an action that is cheaper, less likely to expose the hospital to a lawsuit, and/or more reasonable given standard protocol?
3. Eliminate options that grammatically don’t fit the stem.
4. Be wary of options that use “absolute” words.
5. Favor options that have qualifiers.

If you don’t know... reread the question and pick the option that makes the most sense and KEEP GOING

TIME MANAGEMENT:

1. Find out how many questions will be on your exam.
2. How much time do you have per question?
3. Keep moving (Flag difficult questions for review or make an educated guess)

FIND CLUES IN THE QUESTIONS:

1. Look for KEYWORDS that can clue you in on an etiology
2. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION - geography, ethnicity, gender, age, occupation may clue you in to the correct answer.
3. Pay attention to limiting words like LEAST LIKELY, MORE LIKELY, EXCEPT, NOT, ALL or ALWAYS.

IT IS NOT A TRICK!

1. Choose your response on the premise that the information provided is relevant.
2. Do not make assumptions about information not provided.

Choose the best answer from among the available choices (other options may be correct, but are not the best choice for the defined circumstances.)