ANSWERS:

1. Error: No back support. The patient is seated on the exam table and slouching. Correction: Seat the patient in a chair to support the back.

2. Error: Wrong cuff size. The cuff is too big on the patient's arm. Correction: For adults, the bladder should be 80-100% arm circumference. For children, 100% circumference.

3. Error: The patient is wearing a long sleeved sweater, and the cuff is over the sleeve. Correction: The cuff should be placed on the patient's skin, with no part of the sleeve under it.

4. Error: The patient is drinking coffee. Correction: The patient should not eat or drink caffeine within 30 minutes of a blood pressure reading.

5. Error: The patient and clinical staff are looking at each other and talking. Correction: Neither the clinical staff nor the patient should talk during the reading.

6. Error: The left arm is bent and raised high. Correction: The left arm should be rested and level with the heart.

7. Error: The patient is seated with legs crossed, feet dangling above the floor. Correction: The patient should have uncrossed legs and ankles. Both feet should be flat on the floor.

8. Error: The stethoscope is tucked up under the cuff, out of site. Correction: The cuff should be at least 1" above the elbow to allow for the stethoscope to be placed over the brachial artery and not under the cuff.