***Law & Ethics for Health Professions (Judson, Revised),* 8e**

**Chapter 1 Introduction to Law and Ethics**

1) Law may be defined as

A) a moral code.

B) good manners.

C) rules of conduct.

D) protocol.

E) behavior guidelines.

Answer: C

Explanation: Laws are rules that require everyone to behave the same way or face formal punishment.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Comparing Aspects of Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Remember

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CAAHEP: X.C.6 Compare criminal law and civil law as they apply to health care providers

2) Etiquette rules used in the workplace are called

A) protocol.

B) ethics.

C) policies.

D) morals.

E) beliefs.

Answer: A

Explanation: Different offices may follow different etiquette rules.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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CAAHEP: None

3) Which of the following is/are not enacted by government?

A) Laws

B) Statutes

C) Legislation

D) Medical practice acts

E) Etiquette rules

Answer: E

Explanation: Etiquette changes depending on the organization and situation.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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4) What do professional organizations create to govern their members?

A) Laws

B) Codes of ethics

C) Statutes

D) Procedure manuals

E) Etiquette standards

Answer: B

Explanation: A code of ethics allows standards to be set to define competency.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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CAAHEP: XI.C.1 Define ethics

5) What is the purpose of formalized codes of ethics in the health care professions?

A) To increase the competence within the profession.

B) To revoke the licenses of unethical practitioners.

C) To provide a consistent guide for protocol.

D) To relieve the lawmaking bodies of their legal responsibilities.

E) To establish formal standards for membership in a group.

Answer: A

Explanation: A code of ethics allows standards to be set to define competency.

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6) Which document serves as a guideline about professional behavior and etiquette for employees?

A) The AMA's Code of Ethics.

B) The office policy manual.

C) Medical practice acts.

D) Emily Post's *Guide* *to* *Etiquette.*

E) The statutes of the city where the organization is located.

Answer: B

Explanation: Most organizations have a policy manual that provides employees with guidance as to how to act in certain situations.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Comparing Aspects of Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Remember

ABHES: None

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CAAHEP: None

7) What is the meaning of the term litigious?

A) Higher number of practicing lawyers.

B) Decreased legal liability.

C) Increase in the number of lawsuits.

D) Increase in consumer awareness of health care.

E) Increase in laws covering error.

Answer: C

Explanation: A litigious society is one in which patients, relatives, and others are inclined to sue healthcare practitioners, health care facilities, manufacturers of medical equipment and products, and others when medical outcomes are not acceptable.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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8) The plaintiff in a lawsuit is the

A) party against whom criminal or civil charges have been filed.

B) party filing the civil charges.

C) party held liable.

D) party that testifies.

E) party that dismisses the suit.

Answer: B

Explanation: The plaintiff is the person(s) filing the law suit. A defendant is the person being sued. Witnesses testify in court, and judges preside over lawsuits.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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Bloom's: Remember

ABHES: None

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

CAAHEP: X.C.13.k Define the following medical legal terms: defendant-plaintiff

9) A pledge for physicians that remains influential today is

A) Code of Hammurabi.

B) Babylonian Ethics Code.

C) Hippocratic oath.

D) Socrates' pledge.

E) Percival's Ethics.

Answer: C

Explanation: Hippocrates created an oath that is still in use today.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Comparing Aspects of Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Remember

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CAAHEP: XI.C.1.a Define ethics

10) The defendant in a lawsuit is the

A) party against whom criminal or civil charges have been filed.

B) party filing the civil charges.

C) party held liable.

D) party that testifies.

E) party that dismisses the suit.

Answer: A

Explanation: A defendant is the person being sued and who must defend himself or herself in court. Witnesses testify in court, and judges preside over lawsuits. The plaintiff is the person(s) filing the lawsuit.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Why Study Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Remember

ABHES: None

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

CAAHEP: X.C.13.k Define the following medical legal terms: defendant-plaintiff

11) An attorney files a motion that pleads there is no basis for a trial. This is called

A) acceptance.

B) precedent.

C) summary judgment.

D) administrative law.

E) liability.

Answer: C

Explanation: Summary judgment states that one party is entitled to win as a matter of law and no trial is necessary.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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ABHES: None

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12) Another term for legal responsibility is

A) liability.

B) litigious.

C) testimony.

D) defense.

E) precedent.

Answer: A

Explanation: Legal responsibility is also known as legal liability. A person(s) or organization may be found legally responsible for an action.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Why Study Law and Ethics

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ABHES: None

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CAAHEP: Compare criminal law and civil law as they apply to health care providers

13) Ethics may be defined as

A) a standard of competence.

B) principles, standards, and a guide to conduct.

C) courtesy and manners.

D) beliefs formed through the influence of family, culture, and society.

E) rules of etiquette.

Answer: B

Explanation: Ethics and moral values are sometimes confused. Ethics are a guide to conduct, while moral values are the beliefs formed through the influence of family culture and society.

Difficulty: 2 Medium

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14) Bioethics is concerned with

A) etiquette in medical research.

B) health care law.

C) the ethics of scientists doing research in a university.

D) ethical implications of biological research methods and results.

E) moral values of the scientists.

Answer: D

Explanation: Bioethics is the study of how biological research and ethical guidelines are established.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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Bloom's: Remember

ABHES: None

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CAAHEP: XI.C.1.a Define ethics

15) Which of the following is a synonym for "good manners"?

A) Protocol

B) Etiquette

C) Morals

D) Laws

E) Ethics

Answer: B

Explanation: Etiquette is the basic rules of behavior usually known as good manners.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Qualities of Successful Health Care Practitioners

Bloom's: Remember

ABHES: 7.g Display professionalism through written and verbal communication

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CAAHEP: V.C.1 Identify style and types of verbal behavior

16) The first step in a critical thinking problem solving is to

A) evaluate the evidence.

B) gather information.

C) identify and clarify the problem.

D) consider alternatives.

E) implement the right decision.

Answer: C

Explanation: Identifying and clarifying the problem is the first step in critical thinking. It is followed by gathering information, evaluating the evidence, considering the alternatives, and implementing the decision.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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CAAHEP: V.P.11 Report relevant information concisely and accurately

17) A medical-surgical nurse is going off shift and giving her report to the nurse coming on duty. She is clearly and accurately describing the conditions of the patients she cared for during her shift. Which skill is an example of this?

A) People skills.

B) Critical thinking skills.

C) Technical skills.

D) Moral values skills.

E) Problem solving skills.

Answer: A

Explanation: People skills include good communication skills. Critical thinking is a problem solving skill, and technical skills may include proficiencies in working with equipment.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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18) Which of the following is an example of a healthcare practitioner displaying compassion for a patient?

A) A physician making rounds in a hospital asks a patient how he is doing.

B) A nurse feels sorry for a patient who was just diagnosed with cancer.

C) A medical assistant inquires about a patient's children.

D) An LPN helps an elderly person walk through the hallways.

E) A physician sits down with a patient and addresses all the concerns of the patient.

Answer: E

Explanation: Compassion is empathy—the identifying and understanding another's situation, feelings, and motives. This occurs when the physician takes the time to listen to the patient and answer questions. Sympathy is when one feels sorry for another. Asking about a patient's family is courtesy, and helping a patient walk is a work-related task.

Difficulty: 2 Medium

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Bloom's: Understand

ABHES: 5.h Display effective interpersonal skills with patients and health care team members

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CAAHEP: X.A.1. Demonstrate sensitivity to patient rights

19) A radiologic technologist approaches a new patient and states, "I am Jennifer and I will be taking care of you today." Which of the three "Cs" is an example of this?

A) Common sense

B) Compassion

C) Commitment

D) Coordination

E) Courtesy

Answer: E

Explanation: The simple definition of courtesy is good manners, as is displayed when the technologist introduces herself to the patient.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Qualities of Successful Health Care Practitioners

Bloom's: Remember

ABHES: 5.h Display effective interpersonal skills with patients and health care team members

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

CAAHEP: None

20) Laws applying specifically to the practice of medicine in a certain state are called

A) Protocol Acts.

B) Civil Licensing Acts.

C) State Medical Guidelines.

D) Medical Practice Acts.

E) Administrative Medical Law.

Answer: D

Explanation: Every state enacts a medical practice act to provide laws to govern the practice of medicine.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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Bloom's: Remember

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CAAHEP: X.C.2 Compare and contrast provider and medical assistant roles in terms of standard of care

21) A student medical assistant doing his or her internship in a physician's office refuses to wipe up a spilled drink in the exam room hallway because he or she believes housekeeping is not part of his or her job description. The student is demonstrating the absence of which quality deemed necessary for successful health care practitioners?

A) Compassion

B) Technical skill

C) Common sense

D) Courtesy

E) Etiquette

Answer: C

Explanation: All health care personnel are responsible for maintaining a safe workplace. If a patient or another employee were to slip and fall because the student thought it was not his or her job, it demonstrates a lack of common sense.

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Qualities of Successful Health Care Practitioners

Bloom's: Apply

ABHES: 4.e. Perform risk management procedures

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

CAAHEP: XII.P.5 Evaluate the work environment to identify unsafe working conditions

22) Formed through the influences of family, culture, and society, which of these serve as the basis for ethical conduct?

A) Moral values

B) Code of etiquette

C) Protocol standards

D) Laws

E) Policies and procedures

Answer: A

Explanation: Our values are determined by a variety of influences including our family, culture, and society. Sometimes, one of these influences has more weight than others.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Comparing Aspects of Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Remember

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CAAHEP: XI.C.1.b Define morals

23) A health care practitioner completes a course in law and ethics. In this field of study, which of the following is the most important reason health care professionals should be familiar with?

A) To promote patient and employee safety.

B) To help explain the process of informed consent to patients.

C) To help avoid legal entanglements.

D) To learn the inner workings of the healthcare system.

E) To better supervise other healthcare practitioners.

Answer: C

Explanation: By studying law and ethics, understanding informed consent and promoting safety may be facilitated. They are not the primary reason health care professionals should be familiar with law and ethics.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Why Study Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Remember

ABHES: 4.f. Comply with federal, state, and local health laws and regulations as they relate to health care settings

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CAAHEP: X.C.6 Compare criminal and civil law as it applies to the practicing medical assistant

24) Unlawful acts are always

A) unacceptable.

B) unethical.

C) punishable by legal means.

D) punishable by professional groups.

E) those that require time in jail.

Answer: B

Explanation: An illegal act is always considered unethical, which *may* be punishable by legal means.

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Comparing Aspects of Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Apply

ABHES: 4.f. Comply with federal, state, and local health laws and regulations as they relate to health care settings

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

CAAHEP: IX.C.6. Compare criminal and civil law as it applies to the practicing medical assistant

25) Unethical behavior is always

A) unacceptable.

B) illegal.

C) punishable by legal means.

D) punishable by professional groups.

E) behavior that requires time in jail.

Answer: A

Explanation: Although unethical behavior is wrong, it is not necessarily illegal. For example, some providers believe that it is unethical to perform an abortion; however, it is not illegal.

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Comparing Aspects of Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Apply

ABHES: 4.g. Display compliance with Code of Ethics of the profession

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

CAAHEP: XI.C.1.a Define ethics

26) Which of the following is considered a technical skill?

A) Tact

B) Problem-solving

C) Common sense

D) Gathering information

E) Computer literacy

Answer: E

Explanation: Technical skills include those abilities acquired in a course of study, such as computer skills. Tact is a people skill, and common sense, problem solving, and gathering information are critical thinking skills.

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Qualities of Successful Health Care Practitioners

Bloom's: Understand

ABHES: 7.h Perform basic computer skills

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

CAAHEP: V.C.8 Discuss applications of electronic technology in professional communications

27) A precedent is a(n)

A) law enacted by the federal government.

B) case that serves as a model for future cases.

C) protocol rule.

D) summary judgment.

E) policy or procedure.

Answer: B

Explanation: In case law, previous cases often serve as guidance for the court.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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28) Written codes of ethics for health care practitioners

A) evolved primarily to serve as moral guidelines for those who provide care.

B) are legally binding.

C) did not exist in ancient times.

D) are used in legal cases.

E) are enforced by hospitals.

Answer: A

Explanation: Although codes of ethics are important and have been around for a long time, they are not legally binding.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Why Study Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Remember

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CAAHEP: XI.C.1.a Define ethics

29) The health care professional who studies law and ethics gains perspective on current issues that affect health care practice. Which of the following accurately describes one of those issues?

A) A decrease in health care costs makes health care more affordable.

B) The media has ensured that everyone has the same access to medical care.

C) With the advancement of medical technology, patients expect favorable outcomes.

D) Healthcare professionals should not be involved in the legal issues of patients.

E) The role of the private sector in health care.

Answer: C

Explanation: As medical technology has advanced, patients have come to expect favorable outcomes from medical treatment. Rising costs lead to questions concerning access to care, and health care practitioners need to be concerned about how law and ethics may affect the patients they treat.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Why Study Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Remember

ABHES: 5.h Display effective interpersonal skills with patients and health care team members

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CAAHEP: V.C.6.e Define coaching a patient as it relates to adaptations relevant to individual patient needs

30) A new employee in a large medical practice is looking for the professional etiquette staff members are expected to follow. Which would be the best source for learning these rules?

A) The employee's professional code of ethics.

B) The state's medical practice acts.

C) The bulletin board in the employee lounge.

D) The office policy manual.

E) A search on the Internet for office etiquette.

Answer: D

Explanation: Most healthcare facilities have their own policies concerning etiquette that staff members are expected to follow. These manuals may serve as both a permanent record, and guidelines, for employees.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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ABHES: None

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CAAHEP: None

31) Dishonest or deceitful practices in depriving, or attempting to deprive, another of his or her rights is considered

Answer: Fraud or intentional deceit.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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CAAHEP: X.C.6 Compare criminal and civil law as it applies to the practicing medical assistant

32) Standards of behavior, developed as a result of one's concept of right and wrong, is known as

Answer: ethics, which is concerned with the concept of right or wrong over and above that which is legal in a given situation.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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CAAHEP: XI.C.1.a Define ethics

33) A specialist who consults with physicians, researchers, and others to help them make difficult decisions is known as

Answer: a medical ethicist or bioethicist.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Comparing Aspects of Law and Ethics

Bloom's: Remember

ABHES: None

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

CAAHEP: XI.C.1.a Define ethics

34) Rules of etiquette applicable to one's place of employment are known as

Answer: protocol, which is a set of rules that everyone must follow within an organization.

Difficulty: 1 Easy

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Bloom's: Remember

ABHES: None

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

CAAHEP: None