

# Legal and Ethical Responsibilities

**True/False** *On your answer sheet, indicate whether the sentence or statement is true or false. If it is false, change the underlined word(s) to make it correct.*

- \_\_\_ 1. Health care is mainly affected by criminal laws.
- \_\_\_ 2. Health care workers must know and follow the state laws that set standards for their profession.
- \_\_\_ 3. Verbal consent is permitted for some procedures.
- \_\_\_ 4. Restraining a person or restricting their freedom is invasion of privacy.
- \_\_\_ 5. Abuse can be physical, verbal, psychological, or sexual.
- \_\_\_ 6. A person with a legal disability has the right to form a contract.
- \_\_\_ 7. All information given to health care personnel by a patient is called privileged communication.

## Multiple Choice

*On your answer sheet, identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.*

- \_\_\_ 8. Failure to give care that is normally expected of a person in a particular position, resulting in injury to another person is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. malpractice
  - b. negligence
  - c. abuse
  - d. Defamation
  
- \_\_\_ 9. If a health care worker sends information to an insurance company without the patient's written consent, this can be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. invasion of privacy
  - b. defamation
  - c. slander
  - d. Libel
  
- \_\_\_ 10. If a physician fails to use a degree of skill and learning commonly expected and the person receiving care is injured, the physician can be sued for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. negligence
  - b. defamation
  - c. malpractice
  - d. assault and battery
  
- \_\_\_ 11. If a patient is physically restrained without proper authorization or justification, this can lead to a charge of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. invasion of privacy
  - b. defamation
  - c. false imprisonment
  - d. assault and battery
  
- \_\_\_ 12. Any care that results in physical harm, pain, or mental anguish can lead to a charge of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. invasion of privacy
  - b. defamation
  - c. false imprisonment
  - d. Abuse
  
- \_\_\_ 13. A false written statement that causes a person to be ridiculed or damages the person's reputation is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. false imprisonment
  - b. libel
  - c. slander
  - d. assault and battery
  
- \_\_\_ 14. A set of principles relating to what is morally right or wrong are known as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. torts
  - b. contracts
  - c. ethics
  - d. patients' rights

- \_\_\_ 15. Which of the following is not a patient's right?
- A patient may refuse treatment to the extent permitted under law.
  - A patient is entitled to free care regardless of circumstances.
  - A patient must be informed of any hospital rules or regulations.
  - A patient is entitled to a reasonable response to request for services.
- \_\_\_ 16. A legal document that allows an individual to state what measures should or should not be taken to prolong life when a condition is terminal is a \_\_\_\_.
- living will
  - durable power of attorney
  - patient self-determination act
  - right-to-die declaration
- \_\_\_ 17. Permission granted voluntarily by a person who is of sound mind after a procedure and all risks involved have been explained is \_\_\_\_.
- legal permission
  - confidential authorization
  - verbal consent
  - informed consent
- \_\_\_ 18. Threats or abusive statements are an example of \_\_\_\_.
- physical abuse
  - verbal abuse
  - psychological abuse
  - sexual abuse
- \_\_\_ 19. Which of the following are signs or symptoms of abuse?
- poor personal hygiene
  - aggressive or withdrawn behavior
  - unexplained bruises, fractures, burns, or injuries
  - all of the above
- \_\_\_ 20. Which of the following is **not** a requirement of the Patient Self-Determination Act?
- Provide legal assistance for preparing advance directives.
  - Affirm that there will be no discrimination or effect on care due to advance directives.
  - Document any advance directives on the patient's record.
  - Educate the staff on the medical and legal issues of advance directives.
- \_\_\_ 21. An example of a tort is \_\_\_\_.
- misuse of narcotics
  - slapping a patient
  - practicing without a license
  - stealing a patient's necklace
- \_\_\_ 22. What is recommended for all healthcare professionals because mistakes can occur?
- Medicaid
  - CHAMPUS
  - liability insurance
  - disability insurance
- \_\_\_ 23. Never perform any procedure unless you are \_\_\_\_.
- informed about the procedure
  - the only person on duty
  - the procedure technician
  - qualified to perform the procedure

**Completion:**

*Complete the following statements:*

24. Wrongful acts which do not involve a contract are called \_\_\_\_\_.
25. \_\_\_\_\_ occurs when a person gives care without obtaining consent.
26. Ethics is a set of principles dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
27. An example of invasion of privacy is \_\_\_\_\_
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