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Protecting Yourself from Malpractice Claims

1. Which of the following statements is most accurate?

A. Beneficence, as it relates to health care, may refer to the act of doing what is best for the patient.
B. Beneficence, as it relates to health care, refers to inflicting no harm; do no harm.
C. Nonmaleficence, as it relates to health care, may refer to the act of doing what is best for the patient.
D. Nonmaleficence does not typically apply to the health care system.

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2. Justice, as it relates to health care, refers to the fair and legal allocation of health care resources to patients.

A. True
B. False

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3. A fellow health care professional has questions regarding patient informed consent. Which of the following points of interest should be expressed to the fellow health care professional?

A. Informed consent is not required for health care treatment.
B. The process of obtaining informed consent from a patient does not typically include discussing alternatives to the proposed intervention.
C. Informed consent should be obtained from a patient after a health care intervention is conducted.
D. Informed consent is mandatory for all clinical trials involving human beings.

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4. A health care power of attorney and a living will are the same.

A. True
B. False

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5. Which of the following statements is most accurate?

A. Medical malpractice claims and lawsuits may only arise due to the failure of a health care professional to adequately assess and monitor patients over the age of 65.
B. Medical malpractice claims and lawsuits may only arise due to the failure of a health care professional to adequately assess and monitor patients under the age of 18.
C. Medical malpractice claims and lawsuits may arise due to the failure of a health care professional to adequately assess and monitor patients.

D. Medical malpractice claims and lawsuits never arise due to the failure of a health care professional to adequately assess and monitor patients.

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6. Which of the following may be viewed as an essential element of a malpractice suit?

A. A health care professional has a duty to a patient.
B. A health care professional only has a duty to a patient in a life-threatening emergency situation.
C. A patient injury occurred, when a causal relationship does not exist between a breach of health care duty and a patient injury.
D. A causal relationship does not exist between a breach of health care duty and a patient injury.

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7. Which of the following statements, regarding recommendations to help prevent medical malpractice claims, is most accurate?

A. Health care professionals should determine a patient's capacity when administering health care.
B. Health care professionals should not determine a patient's capacity when administering health care.
C. Health care professionals should only determine a patient's capacity, when administering health care, if the patient is over the age of 65.
D. Health care professionals should only determine a patient's capacity, when administering health care, if the patient is under the age of 18.

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8. Which of the following may be considered a Joint Commission medical error prevention recommendation?

A. Health care professionals should use one patient identifier when providing care, treatment, or services.
B. Health care professionals should not label containers used for blood and other specimens in the presence of a patient.
C. Immediately discard any medication or solution found unlabeled.
D. Do not conduct a pre-procedure verification process.

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9. What is the recommended duration for a hand hygiene procedure using soap and water?

A. Between 5 - 10 seconds
B. Between 10 - 20 seconds
C. Between 20 - 30 seconds
D. Between 40 - 60 seconds

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10. In order to prevent medical malpractice claims and lawsuits, health care professionals should only apply fall precautions to patients over the age of 65.

A. True
B. False

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11. Which of the following statements is most accurate?

A. Antithrombosis stockings may be used to put pressure on the legs in order to decrease circulation and thus reduce the chance of a blood clot.
B. Antithrombosis stockings may be used to relieve pressure on the legs in order to decrease circulation and thus reduce the chance of a blood clot.
C. Antithrombosis stockings may be used to put pressure on the legs in order to improve upon circulation and thus increase the chance of a blood clot.
D. Antithrombosis stockings may be used to put pressure on the legs in order to improve upon circulation and thus reduce the chance of a blood clot.

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12. According to the text, an open communication climate is characterized by communication that requires unrestricted, honest and mutual interaction for people to understand each other better, in order to promote tolerance, minimize conflicts, and promote safe and effective health care.

A. True
B. False

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13. A fellow health care professional has questions regarding effective health care documentation. Which of the following points of interest should be expressed to the fellow health care professional?

A. Effective health care documentation typically only includes subjective information.
B. Effective health care documentation includes both clarity and completeness.
C. It is not necessary for health care documentation to be readily accessible.
D. It is not necessary for health care documentation to include the times and dates of health care administration.

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14. Typically, good Samaritan laws always apply to health care professionals on-call.

A. True
B. False

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15. Typically, what is the first recommended step of most decision-making models?

A. Make a decision
B. Gather information
C. Reflection

D. Redirection

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