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3. Domestic terrorism has been compared to a hostage situation. Using the information in Chapter 15, explain how these situations are similar. What is the health care providers' ethical duty in this situation?

CHAPTER 16

1. List three reasons why applying new ethics theories to patient care are important for effective practice.
2. While CAM/IM is becoming more accepted, there are still ethics concerns about its use. Suppose you are traditional physician, what three issues would you have about CAM/IM practices?
3. Change and its uncertainty can add stress to an already overworked staff. Provide three suggestions to avoid ethics disasters in which the places where change is constant.

Multiple Choice & True/False Questions

CHAPTER 1

Multiple Choice

1. The nurse is preparing medications for an assigned client in the medication room and another nurse states, "It would be a lot faster for you if you just opened all the pills now and then bring the pills to the patients. That's how we always do it, so we finish on time." Which action would be most appropriate for the nurse to take?

a. Report the other nurse for preparing medications in an illegal manner.
b. Ask the other nurse if an error has ever been made when preparing medications that way.
c. Consider the suggestion by the nurse because this is a clear example of virtue ethics and the nurse should try to finish the work the most efficient way.
d. Understand that this is an example of authority-based theory and avoid taking the short-cut because it can lead to medication errors.

Ans: D
Complexity: Difficult
Ahead: Ethics and Healthcare

2. The nurse is working a 12-hour day shift, it is now 2pm and the nurse has only had a 10-minute break at 9am, and has not had time to use the bathroom at all. The call bell rings from a patient who is asking for more prescribed pain medicine that is not scheduled to be given for at least 15 more minutes. Which action, if taken by the nurse, would demonstrate egoistic theory?

a. Quickly using the bathroom first, then going see the patient and explaining that the pain medication cannot be given right now.
b. Preparing the patient's medication before using the bathroom, so the medicine can be administered as soon as it is time.
c. Explaining to the patient that the medication is not due at this time, that you will be taking a short break and when you return you will give the patient the medicine.
d. Calling the prescribing doctor to request a change in the frequency, so you can administer the medication now and then take a break.

Ans: A
Complexity: Difficult
Ahead: Ethics and Healthcare

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3. Which of the following is true regarding ethical egoism in healthcare?

a. This theory is religion-based.
b. This theory does not relate to patient-centered care.
c. Ethical egoism can be considered positive or negative depending on the culture involved.
d. Ethical egoism should be considered when discussing a patient's living will with the patient's power of attorney for healthcare.

Ans: B
Complexity: Moderate
Ahead: Egoism

4. A patient who is Jehovah witness and refuses a blood-transfusion to save their life would fall under which ethics theory?

a. virtue
b. egoism
c. authority-based
d. natural law

Ans: C
Complexity: Moderate
Ahead: Authority-Based Ethics Theories

5. The nurse is caring for a patient on the mental health unit who was admitted with severe depression and has a history of suicide attempts. The patient suddenly states, "You cannot keep me from killing myself, I will do it when you are not looking." Which action would demonstrate appropriate use of autonomy and be a priority for the nurse to take?

a. Immediately assign a one-to-one for the patient and then notify the doctor.
b. Place the patient in four-point restraints and document the patient's statement.
c. Administer a prescribed sedative to the patient.
d. Stay with the patient and ask the patient if he/she has a plan.

Ans: A
Complexity: Difficult
Ahead: Principles of Biomedical Ethics as Virtues

6. Assisted suicide is an ethical dilemma that would mostly relate to which theory?

a. authority-based
b. egoism
c. virtue
d. natural law

Ans: D
Complexity: Moderate
Ahead: Natural Law

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7. Which of the following is the major difference between teleological theories and deontological theories?

a. Deontological theories originated from the Greek and teleological theories are influenced by the Catholic Church.
b. Teleological theory believes the outcome of our actions should help determine what is right and deontological theories argues that consequences are not relevant to deciding between right and wrong.
c. Teleological theory is also known as utilitarianism and deontological theory has no other name.
d. Deontological theory is based on bringing out the best of every situation and teleological theory is based on finding our duties by deciding what is right which does not always end up improving a situation.

Ans: B
Complexity: Difficult
Ahead: Ethics and Healthcare

8. Which of the following healthcare workers is demonstrating teleological theory while making an unethical decision?

a. The respiratory therapist used latex materials on a patient wearing an allergy bracelet that is labeled, "latex" and then cuts the bracelet off and hides it when the the patient has a mild reaction.
b. The environmental service staff labeled an empty patient's room as "clean", even though he/she knows that the bed and bathroom were never wiped down properly.
c. The doctor told the female patient he/she was sure she would not lose any of her hair during her chemotherapy treatment, even though he/she prescribed chemotherapy that lists alopecia (hair loss) as a major side effect.
d. The registered nurse (RN) steals narcotics from the stock cart rather than taking the patient's dose and giving the patient a placebo or lower dose.

Ans: D
Complexity: Moderate
Ahead: Ethics and Healthcare

9. Which of the following accurately compares virtue ethics and egoistic theories?

a. Aristotle was the founder of both theories.
b. Both theories involve self-actualization.
c. The goal for both theories is doing the right thing for the right reasons.
d. Both theories are used in training to help produce ethical professionals.

Ans: B
Complexity: Difficult
Ahead: Ethics and Healthcare

10. Which situation would be most appropriate for the nurse to apply the theory of double effect?
    A) Completing documentation before end of shift.
    B) Medicating a terminally-ill client with morphine.
    C) Setting a meal tray for a client who is in a long-arm cast.
    D) Review laboratory results with primary healthcare provider.

Ans: B
Complexity: Difficult
Ahead: Principle of Double Effect

11. Which of the following did Kant determine is essential for ethics?
    A) intuition
    B) values
    C) free will
    D) empathy

Ans: C
Complexity: Difficult
Ahead: Kant's Metaphysics and Epistemology Grounded His Ethics

12. Kant suggested that which of the following is the true test of good will?
    A) the person's intention of the will
    B) the person continues to act out of duty
    C) the person's relationship to the will
    D) the person has moral virtue

Ans: B
Complexity: Moderate
Ahead: Freedom of the Will

13. Which of the following statements made by the nurse following a medication error indicates the nurse is acting as an autonomous agent?
    A) "If the healthcare provider used legible handwriting, the medication would not have been given."
    B) "There are too many patients who have multiple medications due at the same time."

C) “The pharmacist should have doubled check the prescriptions.”
D) “I understand that the actions I took contributed to the incident.”

Ans: D
Complexity: Difficult
Ahead: Reason, Autonomy, the Moral Law, and the Will

14. The second version of the categorical imperative emphasizes which of the following?
A) people are a means to an end
B) duty to respect every person
C) people are irrational in the natural world
D) treat each person the same

Ans: B
Complexity: Moderate
Ahead: The Categorical Imperative as Respect for Persons

15. Which action by the nurse manager demonstrates Kant’s interpretation of the Golden Rule?
A) allowing the same staff members to take vacation at holidays
B) rotating the staff to work the same number of weekends a month
C) assigning the unit duties and responsibilities based on seniority
D) permitting certain staff members to take an in-service at their discretion

Ans: B
Complexity: Difficult
Ahead: The Categorical Imperative and the Golden Rule

16. For an act to have moral worth, the person must
A) have emotional inclinations to the act.
B) be driven by desires to act morally.
C) act from duty to moral law.
D) require a self-interest in the act.

Ans: C
Complexity: Moderate
Ahead: The Categorical Imperative and the Golden Rule

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17. Which statement made by the nurse indicates a deontologist view of duty?
A) "I am taking courses to get an advanced degree to promote my career."
B) "Collaborating with other clinical professionals creates a positive environment."
C) "Attending meetings with administrators lets me understand the needs of the organization."
D) "Decisions that I make are focused on maximizing the benefits of my patients."

Ans: D
Complexity: Moderate
Ahead: Virtue Ethics and Kant's Moral Law

18. Which situation would the healthcare team have to apply the best interests standard?
A) The patient who is alert and oriented and is refusing hemodialysis.
B) The patient who requires continued care at home and lives with several family members.
C) The patient who is unconscious and requires emergent surgery.
D) The patient who is requesting further information about prescribed medication.

Ans: C
Complexity: Moderate
Ahead: The Original Position and the Veil of Ignorance

True/False

1. True or False? The purpose of ethics theories is to act as a guide for people involved in dilemmas to make good decisions about the situation.

Ans: True
Complexity: Easy
Ahead: Ethical Relativism

2. True or False? The theory of double effect assumes that the bad effect is a means to the good effect.

Ans: False
Complexity: Easy

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Ahead: Principle of Double Effect
Subject: Chapter 1

CHAPTER 2

Multiple Choice

1. Which of the following is true regarding the debate over the definition of harm in the clinical setting when referring to nonmaleficence?
    a. Harm cannot be defined as just physical.
    b. Any act that prevents a patient from overcoming illness is considered harm.
    c. The term negligence is used instead of harm because the term harm can have too many
    d. interpretations.
    e. Harm can be defined too many ways and has to be taken into consideration on an individual basis.

Ans: A
Complexity: Moderate
Ahead: Nonmaleficence

2. Which of the following is true regarding the difference between omission and commission?
    a. Omission and commission are the same except commission involves more than one person.
    b. Commission would be a nurse giving a patient too much morphine on purpose and the patient dies and omission would be withholding morphine from the patient and the patient experiences severe pain.
    c. Omission is the same as malpractice and commission is the same as negligence.
    d. Commission refers to a financial maleficence where omission refers to a clinical maleficence in which a patient suffers injury.

Ans: B
Complexity: Difficult
Ahead: Harm as Negligence

3. Which of the following is true regarding the difference between ethics in the healthcare field and ethics in the corporate world?
    a. In the corporate world ethical issues do not involve harm to a person.

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