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Medical Law and Ethics

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENCES IN HOW THIS EVENT WILL BE RUN AT HOSA CANADA'S FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (FLC):

1. Written test time shortened to 60 minutes (still 100 questions) at FLC only. This test includes a tiebreaker portion, the details of which are specified in the guidelines below.
2. Written test will take place online and be open book at FLC only.

PLEASE NOTE HOSA CANADA'S SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SLC) WILL BE IN-PERSON AND THIS EVENT WILL BE RUN ACCORDING TO THE GUIDELINES IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENCE:

1. There will be a verbal announcement when there are 30 minutes and 5 minutes remaining to complete the written test at SLC.
**Please note that NO verbal announcements will be made at the International Leadership Conference (ILC).*

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Health Science Event

Eligible Divisions: Secondary & Postsecondary / Collegiate	Round 1: 100 Q test in 90 minutes	Digital Upload: NO
Solo Event: 1 competitor		



New for 2024 – 2025

Editorial updates have been made.

Event Summary

Medical Law & Ethics allows members to gain knowledge and skills regarding U.S. medical law, ethics, and bioethics. This competitive event consists of a written test with a tiebreaker essay question. It aims to inspire members to learn about ethical and legal terms and how to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information related to this field.

Dress Code

Proper business attire or official HOSA uniform. Bonus points will be awarded for [proper dress](#).

Competitor Must Provide:

- [Photo ID](#)
- Two #2 lead pencils (not mechanical) with eraser

General Rules

1. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the [General Rules and Regulations](#).

Official References

2. The below references are used in the development of the test questions.
 - a. [Tamparo, Carol D. F.A. Davis. Medical Law, Ethics, & Bioethics for the Health Professions. Latest edition.](#)
 - b. [Fremgen, Bonnie. Medical Law and Ethics. Prentice Hall, Latest edition.](#)
 - c. [Ritter, Lois and Donald Graham. Medical Law & Professionals Ethics. Goodheart-Willcox, Latest edition.](#)

Written Test

3. [Test Instructions](#): The written test will consist of 100 multiple-choice items in a maximum of 90 minutes.
4. One essay question will be administered with the test.
5. **Time Remaining Announcements:** There will be NO verbal announcements for time remaining during ILC testing. All ILC testing will be completed in the Testing Center and competitors are responsible for monitoring their own time.

6. Test Plan

The test plan for the Medical Law & Ethics Test is:

- The Basics: Medical Law, Ethics and Bioethics - 5%
- The Legal Environment - 35%
 - State and Federal Regulations; Consent
 - The Legal System; Professional Liability
 - Law for Health Professionals; Public Duty
- The Health Care Environment - 35%
 - Physician-Patient Relationships
 - Medical Malpractice
 - Medical Records
 - Workplace Law and Ethics
 - Cultural Perspective
 - Patient Confidentiality
 - Employment Practices
- Bioethical Issues - 25%
 - Ethical and Bioethical Issues in Medicine
 - Allocation of Scarce Resources
 - Genetic Engineering
 - Reproductive Issues
 - End-of-Life Issues

7. Sample Test Questions

1. Which of the following describes the concept of implied contracts in health care? (Ritter pp 95)
 - A. An agreement contracted through an independent agent
 - B. An enforceable agreement written in distinct, clear language
 - C. An agreement explained to the patient by the physician
 - D. An enforceable agreement without a specific written or spoken agreement**
2. Which entities would *not* be involved in making macro allocation decisions concerning how much can be expended for medical resources and how the resources are to be distributed? (Tamparo pp 200)
 - A. Local hospitals**
 - B. State legislatures
 - C. Health insurance carriers
 - D. Congress
3. Before human research can be conducted, all institutions that receive federal research funds must establish which of the following entities? (Fremgen pp 270)
 - A. Institutional Department Chair
 - B. Institutional Ethics Committee
 - C. Institutional Review Board**
 - D. Department of Human Services

Final Scoring

8. In case of a tie, the essay will be judged and used to break the tie.