

Learning Objectives- SPM 200 Legal & Ethical Issues in Clinical Medicine Fall 2011

- 1- Identify the four ethical principles which govern the ethical practice of medicine.

Case #1- Decision Making for End of Life

- 2- Describe the law rules that govern end of life decision making including living will, substitute decision making, durable/ health care power of attorney and default family consent law.
- 3- Describe the nature and use of institutional policies with respect to ethical principles and law rules.
- 4- Apply ethical principles and these law rules to the case.

Case #2- Confidentiality and Genetic Information

- 5- Describe the physician's ethical and legal duty to keep confidential the information generated in context of medical care and human research.
- 6- Describe the law rules that govern confidentiality of patient and research subject information including mandatory reporting laws, permissive warning laws and use of information/ anti discrimination laws.
- 7- Apply ethical principles and these law rules to the case.

Case #3- Anti Dumping and Disability Discrimination

- 8- Describe the federal Emergency Medical Transfer Active Labor Act (EMTALA) aka Anti Dumping Statute including patients' rights and physicians' duties under the Act.
- 9- Describe the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) including application of this act to denying otherwise qualified patients with disabilities to public accommodations such as the Emergency Dept and to highest integrated medical setting
- 10- Apply ethical principles and these law rules to the case.

Case #4- Clinical Research Ethics/ Informed Consent/ Exploitation

- 11- Describe the law rules that govern patients' and research subjects' rights to informed consent including elements of legal informed consent: information, capacity and voluntariness.
- 12- Describe function of Institutional Review Board in human subject research
- 13- Apply ethical principles and these law rules to the case.

Case #5- Overdose of Medication/ Medical Malpractice

- 14- Describe the LA Medical Malpractice law including qualified physician, standard of care, elements of proof, medical review panels and caps for damages.
- 15- Describe the paradigm shift to systems' errors including recent laws for disclosing medical error.
- 16- Describe the coverage and limits of professional malpractice insurance.
- 17- Apply ethical principles and these law rules to the case.

Case #6- Good Samaritan Statutes

- 18- Describe the Good Samaritan Immunity laws including laws for immunity for physicians & lay persons, limitation of liability for gratuitous community health clinics and limitation of liability during declared state emergencies.
- 19- Apply ethical principles and these law rules to the case.

INTEGRATE AND APPLY ALL OF THIS KNOWLEDGE IN MAKING CLINICAL DECISIONS