

Chapter 3 Ethical Principles

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. The principle of beneficence requires the nurse to:
 - a. promote harm or evil and do good.
 - b. prevent or remove harm and do good.
 - c. ask the patient to sign a survey indicating the nurse has been beneficial to his or her care.
 - d. avoid harm as a consequence of doing good.

ANS: B PTS: 1

2. Having freedom to make choices about issues that affect one's life is the principle of:
 - a. respect for persons.
 - b. justice.
 - c. beneficence.
 - d. autonomy.

ANS: D PTS: 1

3. ____ is the ethical principle that relates to the concept of faithfulness and the practice of promise keeping.
 - a. Morals
 - b. Fidelity
 - c. Confidentiality
 - d. Justice

ANS: B PTS: 1

4. The ethical principle that implies that others are worthy of high regard is:
 - a. beneficence.
 - b. fidelity.
 - c. respect for persons.
 - d. distributive justice.

ANS: C PTS: 1

5. A patient requests multiple cosmetic surgeries. At a certain point, the health care team questions if the overall harm that will result from continuing to do these procedures outweighs the benefit. This dialogue, weighing harms against benefits, is more related to which ethical principle?
 - a. Beneficence
 - b. Nonmaleficence
 - c. Justice
 - d. Veracity

ANS: B PTS: 1

6. Informed consent is a procedure designed to assure which of the following ethical principles?
 - a. Beneficence
 - b. Autonomy
 - c. Fidelity
 - d. Nonmaleficence

ANS: B PTS: 1

7. A nurse sees a patient quietly crying in her room. The nurse enters the room, sits in the chair facing the patient, and says, "Something seems to be troubling you." This exchange is an example of the practical application of which of the following ethical principles?
 - a. Beneficence
 - b. Autonomy
 - c. Veracity
 - d. Nonmaleficence

ANS: A PTS: 1

8. Three gravely ill patients are candidates for the only vacant bed in the intensive care unit. The health care team decides to assign the bed to the patient with the best chance of recovery. Although many principles apply, the decision-making process in this case illustrates the application of which of the following ethical principles?
- a. Respect for persons
 - b. Justice
 - c. Beneficence
 - d. Autonomy

ANS: B PTS: 1

9. The ethical principle that requires nurses to uphold the profession's code of ethics, to practice within the established scope of practice, and to remain competent is which of the following?
- a. Beneficence
 - b. Autonomy
 - c. Fidelity
 - d. Nonmaleficence

ANS: C PTS: 1

10. The ANA *Code of Ethics for Nurses* recognizes that confidentiality:
- a. flows from respect for persons and is an absolute requirement in all situations.
 - b. is restricted to legal regulations and definitions.
 - c. is not absolute and may be modified to protect the patient or other innocent people.
 - d. None of the above

ANS: C PTS: 1

11. The act of speaking or pleading on another's behalf is the ethical principle of:
- a. autonomy.
 - b. paternalism.
 - c. fidelity.
 - d. advocacy.

ANS: D PTS: 1

12. A nursing student is completing her community health clinical rotation at a local hospice. During her clinical day, she learns that a member of her community is being cared for by the hospice team. Later that evening, she requests prayer on her social media site for the hospice patient. What ethical principle has the student violated?
- a. Veracity
 - b. Confidentiality
 - c. Fidelity
 - d. Autonomy

ANS: B PTS: 1

13. _____ is a term used to describe the process by which competent patients give voluntary consent for medical or surgical treatments or biomedical research after receiving disclosure about potential risks and benefits.
- a. Autonomy
 - b. Paternalism
 - c. Informed consent
 - d. Advocacy

ANS: C PTS: 1

MULTIPLE RESPONSE

1. Often nurses and other health care providers fail to recognize violations of patient autonomy. Which of the following is an example? Select all that apply.
- a. Nurses failure to recognize that individual's thought processes are the same.
 - b. Attentiveness to patient autonomy is sometimes neglected as the work of nursing becomes the major focus.
 - c. Nurses may falsely assume that patients have the same values and goals as themselves.

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- d. Assuming patient have more knowledge than is reasonable for them to have.

ANS: B, C, D PTS: 1

- 2. What are the basic elements implied in the concept of autonomy? Select all that apply.
 - a. The autonomous person is respected.
 - b. The autonomous person does not have to possess the capacity to decide on a plan of action.
 - c. The autonomous person must be able to determine goals.
 - d. The autonomous person has the freedom to act upon the choices.
 - e. The autonomous person never questions the plan of care.

ANS: A, C, D PTS: 1