

**INSTRUCTIONS:** All questions have only one correct answer

1. Which of the following statements about state advance directive forms is TRUE
  1. All states use a common order of legal authority for surrogates to make medical decisions if no document exists
  2. Advance Directives from one state carry all clinician protections if the patient moves to another state
  3. Legal requirements for witnessing signatures are similar in 42/50 states
  4. The process of activating the surrogate decision maker varies from state to state
  
2. Which of the following statements is an **exception** to the need to obtain informed consent?
  1. A conscious decisional adult needing a life-saving blood transfusions
  2. A non-decisional patient requiring emergency treatment
  3. A patient who does not speak English
  4. An emancipated minor with a hand laceration needing stitches
  
3. Which of the following statements is true
  1. A standard criteria for the ability to make medical decisions is a score of 24 or better on a mini-mental examination
  2. A neuropsychiatric examination is necessary to determine if a patient lacks medical decision making capacity
  3. Decision making capacity includes the ability to take in information, process/ evaluate information, and communicate a decision
  4. In the eyes of the law, decision making capacity and competence are the same
  
4. A 75y/o man is transferred to your inpatient ward from a nursing home because of cough, fever and headache. The patient has the capacity to make decisions for himself. Your initial management plan includes starting IV antibiotics, performing a lumbar puncture and a thoracentesis.

Which of the following should be discussed with the patient prior to initiation of therapy to ensure patient informed consent?

1. None, consent is implied when patients are transferred from a nursing home
  2. Only the lumbar puncture
  3. Only the lumbar puncture and the thoracentesis
  4. Thoracentesis, lumbar puncture and IV antibiotics
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5. Which of the following statements concerning Futility is **TRUE**?
    1. Medical futility implies a less than 2% chance of successful outcome
    2. The AMA recommends against a *Due Process* approach to futility cases
    3. The term futility should be avoided in discussions with patients
    4. There is broad consensus among ethicists of the definition of medical futility

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