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ANSWER KEY

for the 2011 Ethics Issue quiz

Thank you for utilizing the fall issue of *Journal Indiana Dental Association* to fulfill your two-hour ethics CE requirement for licensure renewal. For your reflection, below are answers to the quiz questions. You can find more ethics and continuing education resources from the Indiana Dental Association at **INDental.org/Ethics**.

THE BUCK STOPS HERE (Page 3)

1. What are the five ethical principles of the profession? Fill in the blanks:

- a. **Patient Autonomy**
 - b. **Nonmaleficence**
 - c. **Beneficence**
 - d. **Justice**
 - e. **Veracity**
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ETHICAL SOUP (Page 6)

2. Which of the following affect the ethical standards and conduct in a dental practice?

- a. Dentist
- b. Dental staff
- c. Patients and vendors
- d. **All of the above**

Each one of these groups helps set the ethical standard of the dental practice and can affect the ethical practices of each another.

3. Dentists and hygienists can best review, maintain and coach ethical standards in a _____?

- a. Vacuum
- b. Indiana State Board of Dentistry meeting
- c. **Professional community**
- d. Vendor exhibit hall

Professional communities, such the Indiana Dental Association and local dental societies, allow dental professionals to provide an environment to compare and contrast views and real-life scenarios, review standards, and make the necessary corrections to insure we follow the correct ethical path.

CONTINUING EDUCATION 101 (Page 8)

4. What is the minimum number of continuing education credit hours each dentist/hygienist needs every licensing period?

- a. 10/10
- b. 20/20
- c. 24/12
- d. **20/14**

5. How often do dentists and hygienists need to renew their licenses?

- a. Never
- b. Annually
- c. Every two years January in even-numbered years
- d. **Every two years March in even-numbered years**

License renewal occurs year two years on March 1 of even-numbered years. You will need to have all of your continuing education credit hours completed by that date to renew your license.

6. True or False: In the future, dentists and hygienists will be able to earn all of their continuing education credits online in a Web-based format.

False

The Indiana State Board of Dentistry will begin requiring half of the continuing education credits earned to be from live presentations beginning after the 2012 renewal.

PEER REVIEW (Page 12)

7. A key characteristic of a profession is

- a. A post-graduation degree
- b. Considerable financial costs limiting entry
- c. Membership organizations espousing its goals
- d. **Self-regulation**

According to the ADA Code of Professional Conduct, self-regulation is an aspect of dental professionalism.

8. The two most common dental complaints to peer review involve

- a. Crowns and bridges
- b. Dentures and bridges
- c. Bridges and over treatment
- d. **Crowns and dentures**

9. The ADA Principle of Ethics that is foundational to the IDA Peer Review Program is

- a. Patient autonomy
- b. Nonmaleficence
- c. **Beneficence**
- d. Justice

THE NEW DELEGATION LAWS (Page 14)

10. True or False: Dental assistants who were certified in another state to polish teeth and apply fluoride are exempt from Indiana's training rules.

False

They must complete Indiana's educational requirements and demonstrate competency before an Indiana-licensed dentist or hygienist.

11. True or False: Any dental hygienist may administer local anesthetic.

False

Only properly trained and permitted hygienists can administer local anesthetic.

ECONOMIC TEMPTATIONS (Page 18)

12. The principle of _____ makes clear that dentists have a duty to respect the patient's right to self-determination and have a duty to "treat the patient according to the patient's desires, within the bounds of acceptable treatment."

Patient Autonomy

13. _____ expect a dentist to use these diagnostic tools to provide patients with an acceptable level of care.

Courts and license regulators

14. Obtaining _____ from a patient is not a guaranteed protection against liability.

An informed refusal of treatment

REGULATORY ROUNDUP (Page 20)

15. True or False: Ignorance of the dental laws and regulations is no excuse for violations.

True

The Dental Practice Act requires dentistry to be aware of all regulatory requirements.

16. The Indiana State Board of Dentistry allows dental license applicants to take any portion of the board examination:

- a. One time
- b. Two times
- c. **Three times**
- d. Any number of times

BUT YOU PROMISED! (Page 22)

17. The concept of professional responsibility for dentists and hygienists includes a(n) _____
Contract with the public they serve.

- a. Payment
- b. Business
- c. Informed Consent
- d. **Implied**

An "Implied" Contract occurs between dental professionals and patients because of the trust a patient has for the professionals, as well as the obligations of high ethical standards of conduct along with their responsibility to society.

18. Which of the following define the scope of practice for a dentist and hygienist?

- a. License
- b. Education
- c. Experience
- d. **All of the above**

Dentists and hygienists must have a license that defines their practice, education in the area and procedures of that practice, and experience of procedures and possible outcomes to define their scope of practice.

19. True or False: Not all dentists are qualified to perform every procedure their dental license allows.

True

Each licensed dentist or hygienist may hold a license to perform procedures, but they must also have education, skill, and experience to match the scope of the dental license in order to perform a procedure. To perform that procedure without these criteria may be malpractice.

20. The "Oath for Dentistry" cites a professional responsibility to:

- a. Help care for the needy
- b. Teach the value of oral health
- c. Recognize human limitations
- d. **All of the above**

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