

CPD QUESTIONNAIRE 13.1 ETHICS

Article: Practicing safe prescribing in dental practice: Medico-legal, Ethical, and Professional considerations Hartshorne, page 32 (Please note, some questions have more than one answer)

1. Which of the following statements relating to safe prescribing are correct?
 - a Prescription writing is a powerful diagnostic tool
 - b 'Prescribing' is only related to related to advising patients on purchase of over the counter medicines
 - c Is a legally relevant medical act.
 - d Prescription writing is a powerful therapeutic tool
 - e Will minimize ethical and medico legal dilemmas
2. Which of the following statements relating to medico legal considerations are correct?
 - a Dentists registered with the HPCSA are automatically conferred the privileges of authorized prescriber of controlled medicines and scheduled substances.
 - b Dentists are not legally and professionally responsible for prescribing decisions.
 - c The legal accountability always lies with the individual who signed the prescription.
 - d Dentists are not responsible to ensure that the instructions on a script are clear and not open to misinterpretation.
3. Which of the following ethical principles are TRUE?
 - a Dentists have a duty to make reasonable judgements to ensure that all patients have the same opportunity to access cost-effective pharmacotherapy.
 - b The dentists first obligation to the patient is aimed avoiding, preventing and minimizing the risk of harm.
 - c Dentists are obliged to promote each patients welfare through doing good or providing benefit that are in the patients best interest.
 - d Obtaining consent and sharing decision-making is a fundamental part of the prescribing process.
 - e All of above.
4. The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is the professional statutory (regulatory) body that set standards to which their members must adhere.
 - a True
 - b False
5. Which of the following statements relating to duties and obligations for safe prescribing are TRUE?
 - a Safe prescribing does not presuppose accurate diagnostic measurements.
 - b Keeping up to date on recent medical and scientific evidence is a regulatory and ethical duty.
 - c Duty of care is to ensure no act or omission results in harm.
 - d Clinical negligence occurs when duty of care is breached causing physical or mental harm.
 - e Obtaining valid informed consent with prescribing is not a legal obligation.
6. Which of the following statements relating to pharmacovigilance are TRUE?
 - a Adverse drug reactions are the fourth leading cause of death after cardiovascular disease.
 - b Dentists have no obligation to monitor the safety of medicines.
 - c Pharmacovigilance activities are aimed at promoting safe use of drugs to prevent and minimize potential risk factors.
 - d Suspected adverse drug reactions should be reported to the HPCSA.
7. Which of the following statements relating to inappropriate prescribing practices are TRUE?
 - a Can result in medical errors.
 - b Can result in serious morbidity.
 - c Can result in mortality.
 - d Is a waste of health care resources.
 - e All of above.
8. Which of the following statements relating to common prescribing dilemmas are TRUE?
 - a It is generally accepted that it is good clinical practice to provide medical care, including prescribing medication to oneself.
 - b A dentist can prescribe medication to family or friends in emergency situations and where no other doctors are immediately available.
 - c Prescriptions are appropriate only if issues for legitimate dental purposes.
 - d Prescribing for non-patients remotely does not require a treatment record.
9. Which of the following statements relating to prescribing for the elderly are TRUE?
 - a The evidence base for safety and efficacy of medicines in elderly and concerns regarding adverse drug reactions remain uncertain.
 - b Elderly patients are not more susceptible to adverse drug reactions compared to adults.
 - c Prescribing for elderly patients can be complex and challenging.
 - d Dentists must regularly review their patients' medical history and medication list.
 - e The dentist is not required to consult with the elderly patients' GP or physician to promote safe and effective pharmacotherapy.
10. Which of the following principles for avoiding prescribing errors are TRUE?
 - a Before prescribing, be aware of all medications the patient is taking.
 - b The prescription must be completed and signed by the dentist.
 - c The quantity of medication to be dispensed should always be written out to prevent altering a prescription.
 - d Remote prescriptions are only acceptable in emergency situations.
 - e All of above.

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