

# Medical Law & Ethics

***New for 2020-2021***

Competitor orientation deleted from ILC.

## Event Summary

Medical Law & Ethics provides members with the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills regarding medical law, ethics and bioethics. This competitive event consists of a written test with a tie-breaker essay question. This event aims to inspire members to learn about ethical and legal terms as well as how to analyze, synthesize and evaluate information related to this field.

**Dress Code** Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or proper business attire. Bonus points will be awarded for [proper dress](#).

- General Rules**
1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA-Future Health Professionals and in good standing.
  2. Secondary and Postsecondary/Collegiate divisions are eligible to compete in this event.
  3. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "[General Rules and Regulations of the HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\)](#)."
  4. All competitors shall report to the site of the event at the time designated for each round of competition. At ILC, competitor's [photo ID](#) must be presented prior to ALL competition rounds.

## Official References

- [Lewis, Tamparo and Tatro. Medical Law, Ethics and Bioethics. F.A. Davis, Latest edition.](#)  
An updated 12th chapter of this book has been released ahead of the new edition coming next year. For HOSA membership year 2020-2021 the updated 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of this book, [as accessed HERE](#), will be used for test questions at ILC 2021.
- [Fremgen, Bonnie. Medical Law and Ethics. Prentice Hall, Latest edition.](#)

## Written Test

5. [Test Instructions](#): The written test will consist of 100 multiple choice items in a maximum of 90 minutes.
6. **Time Remaining Announcements**: There will be a verbal announcement when there are 60 minutes, 30 minutes, 15 minutes, 5 minutes, and 1 minute remaining to complete the test.
7. One essay question will be administered with the original test. In case of a tie, the essay question will be judged and used to break the tie.

8. The test plan for Medical Law & Ethics is:
- The Basics: Medical Law, Ethics and Bioethics 5%
  - The Legal Environment 35%
    - State and Federal Regulations; Consent
    - The Legal System; Professional Liability
    - Law for Health Professionals; Public Duty
  - The Health Care Environment 35%
    - Physician Patient Relationships
    - Medical Malpractice
    - Medical Records
    - Workplace Law and Ethics
    - Cultural Perspective
    - Patient Confidentiality
    - Employment Practices
  - Bioethical Issues 25%
    - Ethical and Bioethical Issues in Medicine
    - Allocation of scarce resources
    - Genetic engineering
    - Reproductive Issues
    - End of Life Issues

9. **Sample Test Questions**

1. Which of the following describes the concept of implied contracts in health care?
  - A. Contracted through an independent agent.
  - B. Explained to the patient by the physician.
  - C. Stated in distinct clear language.
  - D. Understood without verbally expressed terms.**  
Fremgen pp 41
  
2. Which of the following entities would *not* be involved in making macro allocation decisions concerning how much can be expended for medical resources and how the resources are to be distributed?
  - A. Local hospitals**
  - B. State legislatures
  - C. Health insurance carriers
  - D. Congress  
Lewis pp 183
  
3. Before human research can be conducted, all institutions that receive federal research funds must establish which of the following entities?
  - A. Institutional Department Chair
  - B. Institutional Ethics Committee
  - C. Institutional Review Board**
  - D. Department of Human Services  
Fremgen pp 267

**Final Scoring**

10. The competitor should write his/her answer to the tie-breaker essay question on the tie-breaker page of the test that remains attached to the original test.
  
11. Final rank is determined by the test score. In case of a tie, the essay question will be used to determine the rank.

**Competitor Must Provide:**

- Two #2 lead pencils with an eraser
- [Photo ID](#)