

Medical Law & Ethics

New for 2021-2022

A new resource has been added: Medical Law & Professional Ethics.
Editorial updates have been made for clarity.

Event Summary

Medical Law & Ethics provides members with the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills regarding U.S. 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 2021-2022 the updated 12th 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.](#)
- [Ritter, Lois and Donald Graham. Medical Law & Professionals Ethics. Goodheart-Willcox, 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

NOTE: **Chartered associations** may use a different process for testing, to include but not limited to pre-conference testing, online testing, and testing at a computer. Check with your Area/Region/State/**Chartered Association** for the process you will be using.

9. Sample Test Questions

1. Which of the following describes the concept of implied contracts in health care?
 - A. An agreement contracted through an independent agent
 - B. An enforceable agreement written in distinct clear language
 - C. An agreement explained to the patient by the physician
 - D. An enforceable agreement without specific written or spoken agreement**

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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

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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

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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](#)