

# Medical Law and Ethics



## New for 2023 – 2024

These guidelines are written for ILC. States may modify events or have different event processes and deadlines. Be sure to check with your Local/State Advisor (or state website) to determine how the event is implemented for the regional/area or state conference.

Editorial updates have been made.

## 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 tiebreaker 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](#).

### Competitor Must Provide:

- ☐ [Photo ID](#)
- ☐ Two #2 lead pencils (not mechanical) with eraser

## General Rules

1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA-Future Health Professionals and in good standing.
2. **Eligible Divisions:** 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 for HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\)](#).”
  - A. Per the [GRRs](#) and [Appendix H](#), HOSA members may request accommodation in any competitive event. To learn the definition of an accommodation, please read [Appendix H](#). To request accommodation for the International Leadership Conference, [submit the request form here](#) by May 15 at midnight EST.
  - B. To request accommodation for any regional/area or state level conferences, submit the request form [here](#) by your state published deadline. Accommodations must first be done at state in order to be considered for ILC.
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

5. All official references are used in the development of the written test.
6. [Tamparo, Carol D. F.A. Davis. \*Medical Law, Ethics, & Bioethics for the Health Professions\*. Latest edition.](#)
7. [Fremgen, Bonnie. \*Medical Law and Ethics\*. Prentice Hall, Latest edition.](#)
8. [Ritter, Lois and Donald Graham. \*Medical Law & Professionals Ethics\*. Goodheart-Willcox, Latest edition.](#)

## Written Test

9. [Test Instructions](#): The written test will consist of 100 multiple choice items in a maximum of 90 minutes.
10. **Time Remaining Announcements**: There will be NO verbal announcements for time remaining during ILC testing. All ILC testing will be completed in the Testing Center and competitors are responsible for monitoring their own time.
11. 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.
12. 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
13. **Sample Test Questions**
  1. Which of the following describes the concept of implied contracts in health care? (Ritter pp 95)
    - 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**

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? (Tamparo pp 200)
  - A. **Local hospitals**
  - B. State legislatures
  - C. Health insurance carriers
  - D. Congress
3. Before human research can be conducted, all institutions that receive federal research funds must establish which of the following entities? (Fremgen pp 270)
  - A. Institutional Department Chair
  - B. Institutional Ethics Committee
  - C. **Institutional Review Board**
  - D. Department of Human Services

### Final Scoring

14. The competitor should write their answer to the tiebreaker essay question on the tiebreaker page of the test that remains attached to the original test.
15. Final rank is determined by the test score. In case of a tie, the essay question will be used to determine the rank.