

Chapter 4

Legal Responsibility.

Application Exercises

1. A nurse observes an assistive personnel (AP) reprimanding a client
2. for not using the urinal properly. The AP tells him she will put a diaper on him if he does not use the urinal more carefully next time. Which of the following torts is the AP committing?
A. Assault
3. A nurse is caring for a competent adult client who tells the nurse that he is thinking about leaving the hospital against medical advice. The nurse believes that this is not in the client's best interest, so she prepares to administer a PRN sedative medication the client has not requested along with his usual medication. Which of the following types of tort is the nurse about to commit?
B. False imprisonment
4. A nurse in a surgeon's office is providing preoperative teaching for a client who is scheduled for surgery the following week. The client tells the nurse that he will prepare his advance directives before he goes to the hospital. Which of the following statements made by the client should indicate to the nurse an understanding of advance directives?
C. "I plan to write that I don't want them to keep me on

a breathing machine."

5. A nurse is caring for a client who is about to undergo an elective surgical procedure. The nurse should take which of the following actions regarding informed consent? (Select all that apply.)
 - A. Make sure the surgeon obtained the client's consent.**
 - B. Witness the client's signature on the consent form.**
 - C. Explain the risks and benefits of the procedure.**

6. A nurse has noticed several occasions in the past week when another nurse on the unit seemed drowsy and unable to focus on the issue at hand. Today, she found the nurse asleep in a chair in the break room when she was not on a break. Which of the following actions should the nurse take?
 - A. Alert the American Nurses Association.

 - C. Report the observations to the nurse manager on the unit.**

Chapter 3

Ethical Responsibilities

- 1. Client refuses surgery**
 - o **Correct Answer: B. Autonomy**

- 2. Nurse gives pain meds before ambulation**
 - o **Correct Answer: D. Beneficence**

3. Kidney transplant recipient selection

- o **Correct Answer: C. Justice**

4. Nurse questions a harmful med

- o **Correct Answer: D. Nonmaleficence**

5. Nurse helps client with end-of-life feeding decisions

- o **Correct Answer: C. A family has conflicting feeling about the initiation of enteral tube feeding for their father**