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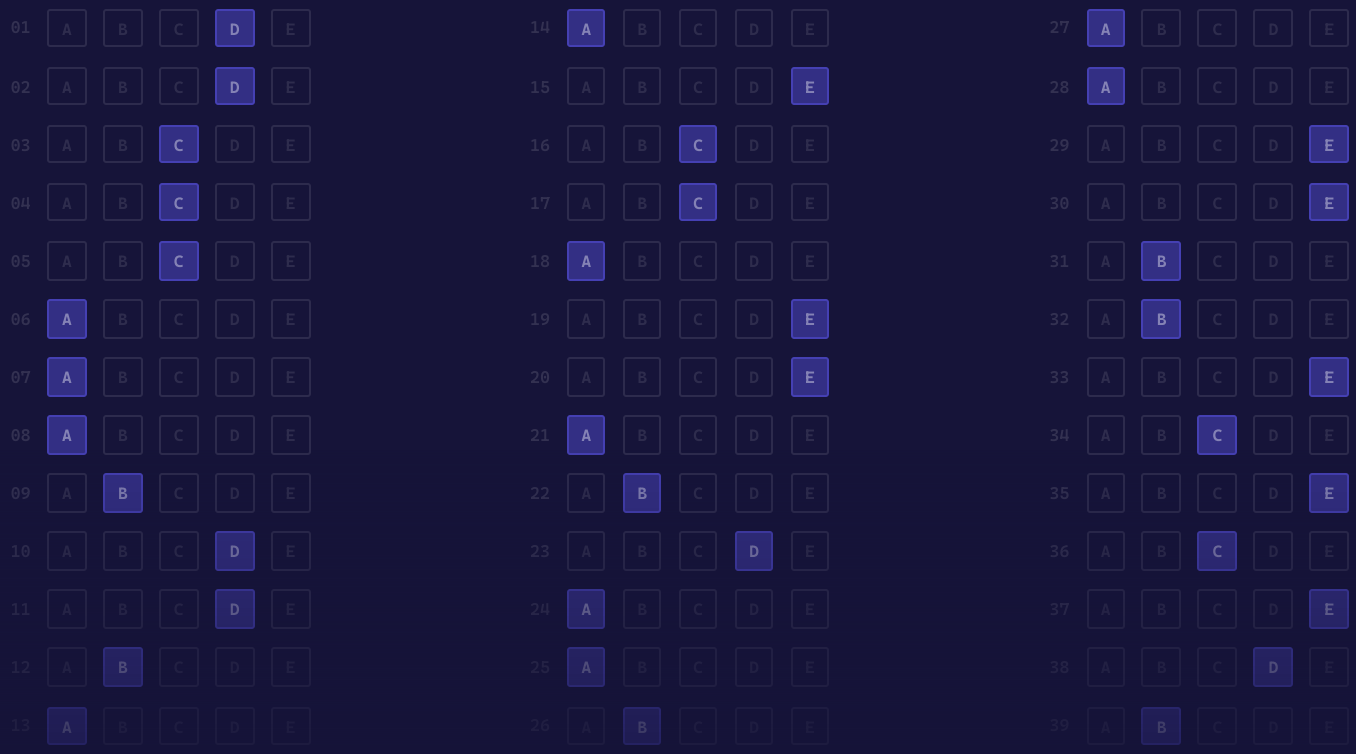

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UKNE248K

CA Dentistry Law and Ethics Examination

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QUESTION 1 SINGLE CHOICE

Under the California Dental Practice Act, a person may practice dentistry in California only if the person:

A **Holds a current and valid California dental license issued by the Dental Board of California**

B Holds any U.S. state dental license and has submitted an application to the Board

C Has graduated from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation

D Is enrolled in a continuing education program approved by a California dental society

ANSWER **A**

WHY Practicing dentistry in California requires an active, valid license issued by the Dental Board of California. Graduation from an accredited school, out-of-state licensure, or enrollment in continuing education alone is not sufficient to legally practice.

QUESTION 2 SINGLE CHOICE

A California licensed dentist who, in the professional capacity, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the dentist reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect must:

A **Report the suspicion to the local law enforcement agency and the appropriate child protective agency**

B Wait until laboratory tests confirm the suspected abuse before making any report

C Notify the child's parent or guardian first, and report only if the parent refuses treatment

D Report only if the suspected abuse is documented in the patient's dental record

ANSWER **A**

WHY Dentists are mandated reporters under California law. Once a mandated reporter forms a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect in a professional capacity, a report must be made to the proper authorities; the reporter is not required to wait for confirmatory evidence, parental consent, or chart documentation before reporting.

QUESTION 3 TRUE FALSE

Under California law, a dentist must obtain written informed consent from a patient before performing any dental procedure that presents a substantial risk of harm, and the documentation of consent must be retained as part of the patient's record.

A **True**

B False

ANSWER **A**

WHY California law and Dental Board guidance require that informed consent be obtained and documented in the patient record, particularly for procedures involving foreseeable substantial risk. Failure to obtain and document consent can constitute unprofessional conduct.

QUESTION 4 SINGLE CHOICE

Under California law, a licensed dentist who ceases practice must make appropriate arrangements for the:

A **Storage, transfer, or disposition of patient dental records consistent with Board requirements**

B Permanent destruction of all treatment records within 30 days

C Sale of patient records to a third party for marketing purposes

D Storage of records without preserving patient confidentiality

ANSWER **A**

WHY California dentists are required to ensure that patient records are properly maintained, transferred, or otherwise disposed of in a manner that protects patient confidentiality when a practice closes. Permanent destruction within a short window, sale for marketing, or unsecured storage are not lawful options.

QUESTION 5 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which of the following are recognized as unprofessional conduct by a California licensed dentist? (Choose two.)

A **Administering controlled substances outside the scope of a valid dentist-patient relationship**

B Treating a patient with informed consent and complete documentation

C **Failing to refer a patient to an appropriate specialist when the case exceeds the dentist's competence**

D Charging fees that match the documented services rendered

ANSWER **A** · **C**

WHY Unprofessional conduct includes inappropriate prescribing or use of controlled substances outside a legitimate dentist-patient relationship, and the failure to refer when a patient's needs exceed the dentist's competence. Treating patients with informed consent and proper documentation, and charging fees that match documented services, are lawful and required practices, not unprofessional conduct.

QUESTION 6 SINGLE CHOICE

A California dentist may disclose protected patient health information without the patient's written authorization in which of the following situations?

A **When required by law, such as in response to a properly issued subpoena or court order**

B To a patient's neighbor who inquires about the patient's treatment

C To the patient's employer for verification of attendance

D To a marketing company for practice promotion

ANSWER **A**

WHY Disclosures required by law, including those made pursuant to a valid subpoena or court order, are permitted without the patient's authorization. Disclosures to neighbors, employers, or marketing entities without authorization violate patient confidentiality.

QUESTION 7 SINGLE CHOICE

Under California law, the level of supervision required for a dental auxiliary performing a specific duty is determined by:

A **The classification of the auxiliary and the specific duty as defined in the Dental Practice Act and Board regulations**

B The personal preference of the supervising dentist on a case-by-case basis

C The auxiliary's years of experience alone

D The patient's insurance carrier's requirements

ANSWER **A**

WHY California law specifies the categories of dental auxiliaries (e.g., registered dental assistant, dental hygienist) and assigns the allowable duties and required level of supervision for each. Supervision requirements are not left to personal preference, experience alone, or third-party payer policy.

QUESTION 8 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which of the following are required elements of a complete California dental patient record? (Choose two.)

A **Medical and dental history, including known allergies and current medications**

B **Documentation of examinations, diagnoses, treatment plans, and treatment provided**

C Personal financial information about the patient's spouse

D The patient's social media handles

ANSWER **A · B**

WHY California requires dental records to contain a medical and dental history (including allergies and medications) and documentation of examinations, diagnoses, treatment plans, and care provided. Information about a patient's spouse and the patient's social media handles are not required record elements.

QUESTION 9 SINGLE CHOICE

A California dentist who reasonably suspects that an elderly patient has been the victim of elder abuse is required to:

A **Report the suspicion to the appropriate adult protective services agency and law enforcement**

B Confront the suspected abuser directly and document the conversation

C Take no action because dentists are mandated reporters only for children

D Wait for confirmation by another health professional before reporting

ANSWER **A**

WHY California dentists are mandated reporters for both child abuse and elder/dependent adult abuse. Reasonable suspicion triggers a reporting duty; waiting for corroboration, confronting the suspected abuser, or limiting the duty to children are all incorrect responses.

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