

Unit Two - Law and Order

Research Activities - Legal Responsibilities

Code of Ethics

- Research the Internet for two health care professional codes of ethics. Compare the two and write a paper describing the similarities and differences between the two.

Negligence/Malpractice

- Research the Internet for a current medical case in the news concerning negligence or malpractice. Write a paper summarizing the case. Include your opinion of the outcome.

Ethics

- Research an ethical dilemma and write a paper (minimum 2 typed pages) that discusses the dilemma (all sides of the issue) and then give your opinion on the appropriate way to handle the issue. (Examples: euthanasia, patient confidentiality, DNR's, patient rights, right to refuse treatment, rationing of healthcare, etc.)

Patient Advocacy

- Patient advocacy defends and promotes issues that help ensure appropriate health care. With the many challenges that affect health care today, there is a greater awareness of the need to defend patient rights. The Patients' Bill of Rights is frequently in the news and has been presented to the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate on several occasions.
- Search the newspapers, library, and the Internet for the latest information on the struggle to protect patients' rights. Try to identify one way in which you can be an advocate for patient rights.