

## Texas BON Study Guide, BON Quiz, Jurisprudence

1. A nurse who contacts a physician to clarify a medication order is

**ANS** fulfilling duty to keep the patient safe.

2. A BON investigator in the enforcement division collected evidence that supports the BON's formal charges against a nurse regarding violations of the NPA and board rules. Attempts to notify the nurse via standard and certified mail at the nurse's last address of record have been returned to the BON office as being "undeliverable or not at this address." Since the investigator has been unable to communicate with the nurse about the BON's formal charges, Board Rule 213.16(i) on Practice and Procedure requires that

**ANS** the case proceed and the board's charges be deemed to be true.

3. When the BON considers imposing disciplinary action, it is most concerned with the nurse consistently

**ANS** acting in the best interest of clients

4. A nurse quits his job, and submits a written notice at the end of his shift, telling his supervisor that he will not be back at work the following morning. The supervisor tells the nurse he has to complete the entire month's schedule or he will be committing "patient abandonment," and will be reported to the BON. This is

**ANS** false. Quitting a job at the end of a shift is not considered "patient abandonment" by the BON and is not grounds for reporting to, or action by, the BON.

5. Which of the following would indicate that an applicant for licensure is likely to possess the good professional character necessary to hold a nursing license in Texas?

**ANS** the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he/she has not committed a violation of the Nursing Practice Act or a Board rule

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6. Which of the following statements correctly reflects Board Rule 217.20 regarding the Safe Harbor Peer Review?

**ANS** Safe Harbor must be invoked prior to engaging in the assignment or at any time the assignment changes as long as the nurse believes it places patients at risk of harm

7. The identity of a person submitting a complaint against a nurse to the BON is kept confidential

**ANS** throughout the entire investigation process

8. A nurse assesses a patient, makes a medical diagnosis of "hypertension," and determines which specific anti-hypertensive medication (including dose, route, and frequency) is appropriate for this patient. The nurse then writes a prescription for an anti-hypertensive medication and instructs the patient to have it filled at a pharmacy of her choice.

**ANS** the nurse must be authorized by the BON as an advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority in a role and population focus appropriate for the patients being treated

9. Revisions to the NPA can only occur through

**ANS** bills passed by the Texas Legislature

10. The Position Statement 15.27 The Licensed Vocational Nurse Scope of Practice on the board's website outlines that LVNs have a "directed" scope of

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practice "under supervision." This means that

**ANS** the LVN must have a registered nurse present at all times while they are providing direct patient care

11. A nurse providing nursing services to a young child in a home setting asks the parent to bring the child to the nurse's home for nursing care. The nurse asks the parent to keep this arrangement confidential. This could be considered

**ANS** a violation of professional boundaries of the nurse-client relationship

12. A nurse is counseled for questioning a physician's order that made the physician mad. Which of the following documents on the BON web site best explains why the nurse was correct to question a physician's order that the nurse believed could be harmful to a patient?

**ANS** Position Statement 15.14 Duty of a Nurse in Any Setting

13. Chart audits find the following practice errors committed by a nurse with observed impaired behavior at work :NO physician orders for narcotics signed out by the nurse, and NO documentation that the nurse either administered or wasted the narcotics. The best decision for the Incident Based Peer Review Committee to make is that **ANS** the nurse must be reported to the BON because of the combination of practice errors with possible practice impairment due to substance use or abuse