

Substance Abuse Among Older Adults (Legal and Ethical Issues) – TIP 26

1. Respect for a person's autonomy means informing him of all relevant medical facts and engaging him in a discussion about his alternatives.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. This Federal law and regulations severely restricts communications about identifiable individuals by "programs" providing substance abuse diagnosis, treatment, or referral for treatment.
 - a. 42 CFR
 - b. 32 CFR
 - c. 22 CFR
 - d. 52 CFR
3. Whether a communications is "privileged" or "protected" may depend on the type of professional provider holding the information and whether he or she is licensed or certified by the State.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. When California courts are called upon to decide whether a particular communication of information is privileged, State law requires them to presume that it is not.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. States rarely prosecute privacy violation offenses and professional disciplinary committees in most States are more concerned with other kinds of professional infractions.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. The record keeping approach which relies on the provider to enter only that information in the chart that is required for accuracy and to use neutral terms wherever possible is called:
 - a. Rubber band
 - b. Separate location
 - c. Minimalist
 - d. Gatekeeper
7. The record keeping approach which keeps sensitive information separate from the rest of the client's chart is called:
 - a. Rubber band
 - b. Separate location
 - c. Minimalist
 - d. Gatekeeper

8. One of the trickiest issues is whether and how providers of older adults health care should communicate with others about their clients substance use problems.
 - a. True
 - b. False

9. Which of the following Maximizes autonomy:
 - a. Gradual information-gathering and decision making process
 - b. Information client needs should be presented in a way that allows the patient to absorb it gradually.
 - c. Provider can help the client identify his values and link those values to the alternatives presented.
 - d. All the above

10. Guardianship diminishes the older adult's autonomy and is an expensive process. It should, therefore, be considered only as a last resort.
 - a. True
 - b. False

11. Once the client understands what kind and amount of information the provider intends to send a third-party payer, he can decide whether to agree to the disclosure. Once a third party payer learns he has had a substance use problem, he could and may lose either some of his insurance coverage or parts of other entitlements and be unable to obtain other coverage.
 - a. True
 - b. False

12. There is nothing wrong with refusing to answer a lawyer's questions.
 - a. True
 - b. False

13. In working with older adults providers can follow these simple rules, except:
 - a. Consult the client
 - b. Let the client decide
 - c. Be sensitive to how information is recorded or disclosed
 - d. Always tell a family member what's happening