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LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Apply knowledge of the ethical and legal responsibilities of nurses when administering medications
2. Demonstrate critical thinking skills towards clinical decision making particularly in medication administration and education in varied settings;
3. Integrate legal and ethical principles as well as patient safety principles related to medication administration in nursing practice
- 4. Identify ethical responsibilities as they relate to medication errors



DEFINITION OF TERMS

ETHICS - “doing what is right”

Nursing Ethics- the values and ethical principles governing nursing practice, conduct and relationships(American Nurses Association)

LIABILITY : accountability ; responsibility

RESPONSIBILITY - an ethical concept that refers to morally based obligations and duties to others



Healthcare Ethics

Beneficence - “doing good”

Non- Maleficence - “ do no harm



Legal Regulation of Drugs

(Laws that Regulate Production,

Distribution, Sale and Use Of Drugs)

- FDA – regulates the development and sale of drugs
- Local laws further regulate the distribution and administration of drugs



Legal Regulation of Drugs

Republic Act 6675 - Generics Act of 1988

- **an act to promote, require and ensure the production of an adequate supply, distribution, use and acceptance of drugs and medicines identified by their generic names**
- **ensure the adequate supply of drugs with generic names at the lowest possible cost and endeavor to make them available for free to indigent patients**
- **encourage and require the use of generic terminology in the importation, manufacture, distribution, marketing, advertising and promotion, prescription and dispensing of drugs**



Legal Regulation of Drugs

REPUBLIC ACT No. 3720 - "Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

- an act to ensure the safety and purity of foods, drugs, and cosmetics being made available to the public
- **ADULTERATED DRUGS AND DEVICES**

Sec. 18. A drug or device shall be deemed to be adulterated: (a)(1) If it consists in whole or in part of any filthy, putrid, decomposed substance; or (2) if it had been prepared, packed, or held under unsanitary conditions contaminated with filth or whereby it may have been rendered injurious to health; or (3) if it is a drug and its container is composed in



Legal Regulation of Drugs

Republic Act 9165 – Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002

- It is the policy of the State to *safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts or omissions detrimental to their development and preservation.*



Republic Act No. 9173 - "Philippine Nursing Act of 2002"

Section 28. Scope of Nursing. - A person shall be deemed to be practicing nursing within the meaning of this Act when he/she singly or in collaboration with another, initiates and performs nursing services to individuals, families and communities in any health care setting. As independent practitioners, nurses are primarily responsible for the promotion of health and prevention of illness. *As members of the health team, nurses shall collaborate with other health care providers for the curative, preventive, and rehabilitative aspects of care, restoration of health, alleviation of suffering, and when recovery is not possible, towards a peaceful death.*



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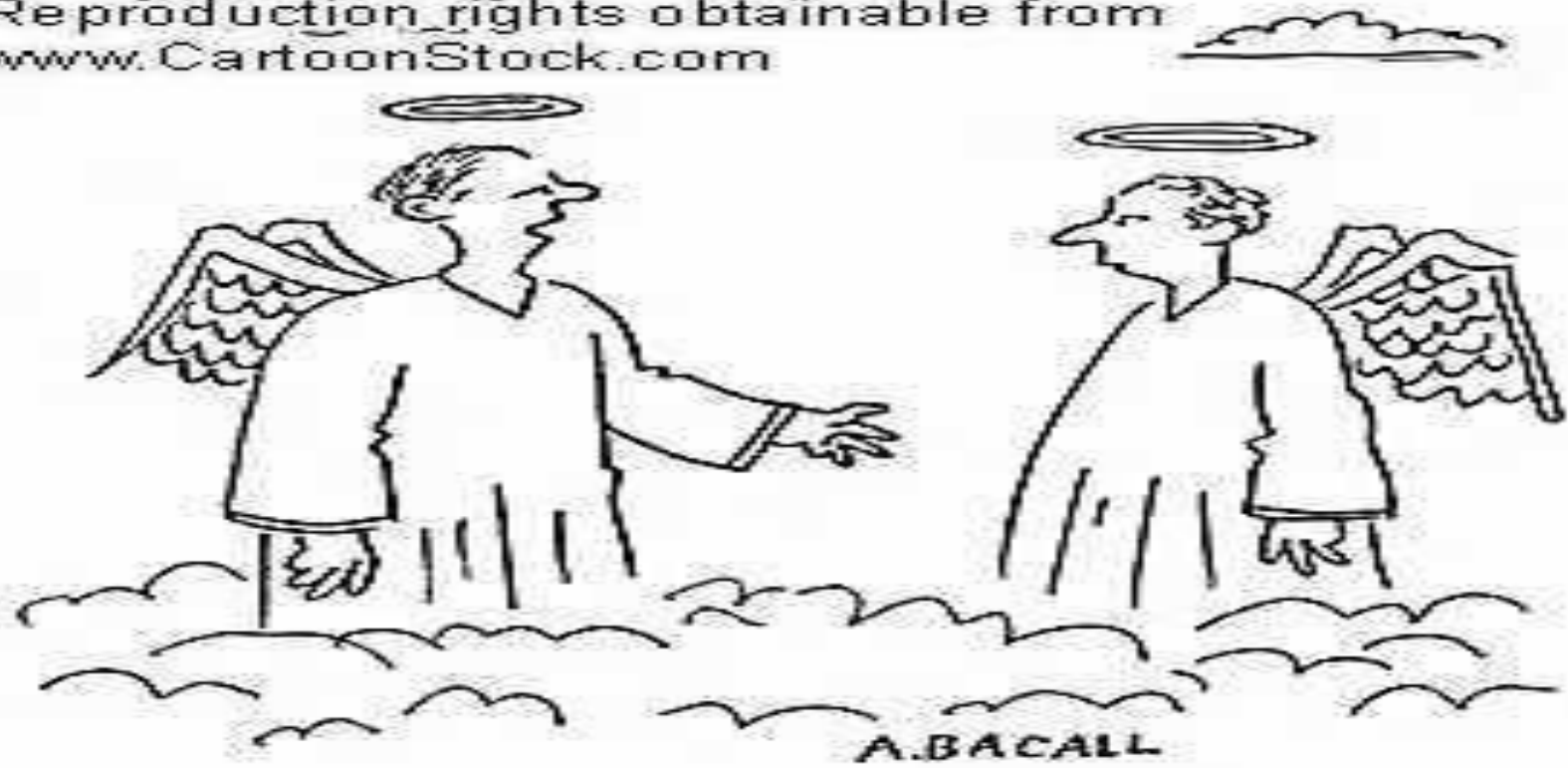
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"I would have been here sooner if not for a wonderful caring nurse in the hospital."



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