

Medical Law & Ethics

Event Category: Health Science.....

Eligible Divisions: Secondary & Postsecondary/ Collegiate	Round One: 50 Q test (60 minutes)	Digital Upload: NO
Solo Event: 1 competitor		



New for 2026-2027

Editorial changes have been made.

TEXAS HOSA

Make sure to read the *Texas General Rules and Regulations* for the updated “**Electronic Device Policy**”

Area Spring Leadership Conference This event only has one round. The online test for Area will be given in December. Make sure to read the “Texas HOSA Handbook- Section G” for online testing procedure. The top 3 individual scores from each Area will advance to the State Leadership Conference.

Texas State Leadership Conference

The State written exam will be given in person in Irving, Tx to those who advanced from each Area. No study materials permitted. The top 3 individual scores from State will advance to ILC.

Event Summary

Medical Law & Ethics allows members to gain knowledge and skills regarding U.S. medical law, ethics, and bioethics. This competitive event consists of a written test. In the event of a tie, the essay will be judged to break the tie. It aims to inspire members to learn about ethical and legal terms and how to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information related to this field.

General Event Information

General Rules	Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the General Rules and Regulations .
Dress Code	Proper business attire or official HOSA uniform. Bonus points will be awarded for proper dress .
Competitors Must Provide	• Photo ID • Two #2 lead pencils (not mechanical) with an eraser • Neon colored foam earplugs, NOT earbuds, for noise control (optional) HOSA Conference Staff will provide equipment and supplies listed in Appendix I .
Official References	The below references are used in the development of the test questions. • Tamparo, Carol D. Medical Law, Ethics, & Bioethics for the Health Professions. F.A. Davis, Latest edition. • Fremgen, Bonnie. Healthcare Law and Ethics. Pearson, Latest edition. • Ritter, Lois and Donald Graham. Medical Law & Professional Ethics. Goodheart-Willcox, Latest edition.

ROUND ONE- Test

Test Instructions	All competitors will be given a test and test answer sheet. The written test will consist of 50 multiple choice questions in a maximum of 60 minutes. See test instructions here . An essay tiebreaker question will be administered with the original test. Essay tiebreakers will be completed on the back of the test answer sheet.
Time Remaining Announcements	There will be NO verbal announcements for time remaining during ILC testing. All ILC testing will be completed in the Testing Center, and competitors are responsible for monitoring their own time.
Written Test Plan	The test plan for the Medical Law & Ethics Test is: • The Basics: Medical Law, Ethics and Bioethics - 5% • The Legal Environment - 35% - o State and Federal Regulations; Consent - o The Legal System; Professional Liability - o Law for Health Professionals; Public Duty • The Health Care Environment - 35% - o Physician-Patient Relationships - o Medical Malpractice - o Medical Records - o Workplace Law and Ethics - o Cultural Perspective - o Patient Confidentiality - o Employment Practices • Bioethical Issues - 25% - o Ethical and Bioethical Issues in Medicine - o Allocation of Scarce Resources - o Genetic Engineering - o Reproductive Issues - o End-of-Life Issues
Sample Test Questions	1. Which of the following describes the concept of implied contracts in health care? (Ritter pp 95) A. An agreement contracted through an independent agent B. An enforceable agreement written in distinct, clear language C. An agreement explained to the patient by the physician D. An enforceable agreement without a specific written or spoken agreement 2. Which entities would <u>not</u> be involved in making macro allocation decisions concerning how much can be expended for medical resources and how the resources are to be distributed? (Tamparo pp 200) A. Local hospitals B. State legislatures C. Health insurance carriers D. Congress 3. Before human research can be conducted, all institutions that receive federal research funds must establish which of the following entities? (Fremgen pp 270) A. Institutional Department Chair B. Institutional Ethics Committee C. Institutional Review Board D. Department of Human Services

Final Scoring

In the event of a tie, the essay will be judged to break the tie.

Future Opportunities

The HOSA Scholarship program has funding available for HOSA members who have an interest in various health careers! The application process begins January 1, 2027, and can be found here: <https://hosa.org/scholarships/>.

Graduating from high school or completing your postsecondary/collegiate program does not mean your HOSA journey has to end. As a HOSA member, you are eligible to become a HOSA Lifetime Alumni Member- a free and valuable opportunity to remain connected, give back, and help to shape the future of the organization. Learn more and sign up at hosa.org/alumni.