

Allied Health Medical Law & Ethics



Module A.2 Importance of the Legal System for the Physician and Healthcare Professional



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State Medical Practice Act



- Provides for medical examining boards
- Establishes baseline for practice of medicine
- Determines prerequisites for licensure
- Forbids practice of medicine without a license
- Specifies conditions for license renewal

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Physician Licensure



- Examination
- Endorsement
- Reciprocity
- Registration
- Revocation and suspension

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Good Samaritan Laws

- Protect health care professionals and ordinary citizens from liability while providing emergency care to accident victims
- In an emergency, the provider is only required to act within limits of acquired skill and training
- Considered an ethical obligation by many healthcare practitioners

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Respondeat Superior

- Latin for "Let the master answer"
- Employee's Duty to Carry Out Orders
- Scope of Practice
- Employer's Duty to Employees

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