**Medical ethics**

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**Directions:** Determine the correct answer to each of the following, based on information derived from the article.

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<td>2. Ethics consultants offer clinical and nonclinical recommendations.</td>
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<td>3. Health care professionals have ethical obligations to do no harm to patients and to take actions that are in the best interests of patients.</td>
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<td>4. An ethics consultation would be appropriate if the individual designated by the patient to make decisions about life-sustaining treatment is unwilling to do so.</td>
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<td>5. The AMA Code of Medical Ethics (i.e., Code) describes physicians’ ethical obligation to refrain from any unlawful or immoral conduct but does not address reporting others for misconduct.</td>
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<td>6. Patients should be told alternative treatment options, as well as the risks and potential benefits of each option, to empower them to make informed decisions.</td>
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<td>7. Ethics consultants play a crucial role in evaluating whether health care professionals have acted negligently and should be investigated for malpractice by state licensing boards.</td>
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<td>8. Physicians are morally obligated to treat all patients in emergencies.</td>
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<td>9. Ethics consultants help resolve disagreements between clinical staff, as well as between family members, about the best course of treatment for a patient.</td>
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<td>10. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) requires health care providers to have policies in place that protect the confidentiality of patients’ electronic protected health information.</td>
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<td>11. Patients must have a sufficient understanding of their health care to make voluntary and meaningful decisions about the treatment they receive.</td>
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