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Course Title: Ethics for Professionals 104

Sub-Title: Ethics of Confidential Information

Target Audience: OT/OTA

Course Length: 2 hours

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Educational Level: Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Define the terms confidential information and confidentiality.
- Identify the relationship of a patient's legal right to privacy with his reasonable expectations regarding confidential information.
- Describe how the telling and keeping of secrets is relevant to understanding the importance of confidentiality.
- Discuss the ethical norms involved in keeping and breaking professional confidences.
- Name five general legal exceptions to the professional standard of practice that confidences should not be broken.
- Consider practical options that a professional can take when faced with the possibility of breaking a confidence.
- Discuss some important aspects of documentation that affect confidentiality.
- Compare ethical issues of confidentiality traditionally conceived with those that have arisen because of computerized medical records and patient care information systems.
- Describe the key ethical strengths and challenges of the recent U.S. federal regulations related to privacy considerations (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996).
- Become familiar with AOTA and APTA Code of Ethics
- Review and become familiar with the TX PT Rules
- Read case scenarios illustrating ethical decision making

Outline of Content:

Hour #1

Why Honor Confidentiality?

The Six-Step Process in Confidentiality Situations

Patient Privacy: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

Why So Much Emphasis on Truth Telling?

Hour #2

Arguments Favoring Disclosure

The Six-Step Process Regarding Truthful Disclosures

Disclosure of Genetic Information

APTA Code of Ethics

APTA Guide to Professional Conduct

Instructional Methods and Formats:

Online course available 24/7 at www.OnlineCE.com includes PDF downloadable course. See course formats for additional details.

Course Completion Requirements:

A minimum passing score of 100% is required for course completion. You will have as many attempts as needed until your passing score of 100% is achieved. Upon successful completion of course, you will receive your certificate of completion and AOTA eligible CEUs.

Category 1: Domain of OT

Category 2: Occupational Therapy Process

AOTA Classification Codes

Category 3: Professional Issues

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