

Medical Law & Ethics

Event Category: Health Science.....

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

This event will take place as a written test at SLC (Thursday, March 18th)
Refer to the Conference Agenda for assigned testing time

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	HOSA's Official Uniform or HOSA Business Dress. Appendix D
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 references below are used in the development of the test questions. • Tamparo, Carol D. <i>Medical Law, Ethics, & Bioethics for the Health Professions</i>. F.A. Davis, Latest edition. • Fremgen, Bonnie. <i>Healthcare Law and Ethics</i>. Pearson, Latest edition. • Ritter, Lois and Donald Graham. <i>Medical Law & Professional Ethics</i>. 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 SLC testing. All SLC 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
Written Test Plan	
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.

International Leadership Conference (ILC) qualifiers

Go to <https://hosa.org/guidelines/> for specifics about this competitive event at ILC.
June 22-25, 2027, Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

High School/Post-Secondary/Collegiate Seniors

Don't wait until you graduate to join the HOSA alumni network! 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.

SC HOSA Scholarship

Application: <https://www.schosa.org/students/scholarships/>

Application Window Opens: December 1, 2026

Application Deadline: February 1, 2027

National HOSA Scholarship

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/>.