

ADHA Code of Ethics Assignment (25pts total)

Please use the ADHA Code of Ethics to answer these questions:

[https://www.adha.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/ADHA Bylaws Code of Ethics FY22.pdf](https://www.adha.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/ADHA_Bylaws_Code_of_Ethics_FY22.pdf)

1. Define the term ethics. (1pt)
Ethics are the general standards of right and wrong that guide behavior within society. As generally accepted actions, they can be judged by determining the extent to which they promote good and minimize harm. Ethics compel us to engage in health promotion/disease prevention activities.
2. What is the purpose of a professional code of ethics? (1pt)
The purpose of a professional code of ethics is to achieve high levels of ethical consciousness, decision making, and practice by the members of the profession.
3. List the six basic beliefs outline in the Dental Hygiene professional code of ethics. (6pts)
 - The services we provide contribute to the health and well being of society.
 - Our education and licensure qualify us to serve the public by preventing and treating oral disease and helping individuals achieve and maintain optimal health.
 - Individuals have intrinsic worth, are responsible for their own health, and are entitled to make choices regarding their health.
 - Dental hygiene care is an essential component of overall health care and we function interdependently with other health care providers.
 - All people should have access to health care, including oral health care.
 - We are individually responsible for our actions and the quality of care we provide.
4. Define confidentiality as outlined in our code of ethics. (1pt)
We respect the confidentiality of client information and relationships as a demonstration of the value we place on individual autonomy. We acknowledge our obligation to justify any violation of a confidence.
5. Define Standards of Responsibility as outlined in our code of ethics. (1pt)
Responsibility is central to our ethics. We recognize that there are guidelines for making ethical choices and accept responsibility for knowing and applying them. We accept the consequences of our actions or the failure to act and are willing to make ethical choices and publicly affirm them.
6. List the nine subcategories in the Standards of Responsibility in the Dental Hygiene code of ethics. (9pts)
We acknowledge the following responsibilities to:
 - Ourselves as Individuals
 - Ourselves as Professionals
 - Family and Friends
 - Clients

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- Colleagues
- Employees and Employers
- The Dental Hygiene Profession
- The Community and Society
- Scientific Investigation

7. Define the term nonmaleficence. (1pt)

We accept our fundamental obligation to provide services in a manner that protects all clients and minimizes harm to them, and others involved in their treatment.

8. Have you been asked to do something against your ethical principals in a previous job? If so, how did you handle the situation? If not, how would you handle this situation? (5pts)
Yes, many times. As a former journalist, ensuring the authenticity of reports is not only a fundamental aspect of professionalism but also the foundation of journalistic ethics. However, many times, people tried to dissuade me from reporting or provided false information. Some even attempted to bribe me with money or benefits. I would always refuse or simply ignore such attempts.