***Patient Care***

***Module 1***

After studying [Module 1: Lecture Materials & Resources](https://stu.instructure.com/courses/34712/pages/module-1-lecture-materials-and-resources), discuss the following:

The unlawful restraint of a patient can be a legal pitfall for the PMHNP.  K.W. was found eating hamburgers out of a Mcdonald's dumpster and drinking water from an old water hose.  She had not taken a bath in weeks. She refused to live in an apartment because she wants to “live off the fat of the land.”

1. Cite the Baker Act law to defend your position.
2. Find one newspaper article written in the last 5 years that supports your position.  Summarize the details of the case and the laws cited

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***Patient Information***

***Module 2***

After studying [Module 2: Lecture Materials & Resources](https://stu.instructure.com/courses/34507/pages/module-2-lecture-materials-and-resources), discuss the following:

It is very important for all mental health professionals to take very detailed and thorough historical information from their patients. This information should include an adequate social history, complete medical history, and a full mental status examination with a probable treatment plan.

* Describe three reasons it is important to gather detailed and extensive information from any patient before you counsel him/her or make medication suggestions.  Use evidence-based research to support your position.
* Define malingering.  Discuss two ways to differentiate between malingering and a DSM5 diagnosis.  Use evidence-based research to support your position.

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