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Consent

CSTF, Consent

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1. You receive a phone call from a consultant radiologist asking you to consent a patient who is due to have a “simple iliac angioplasty”. You have a general idea of what is involved in an angioplasty but do not feel able to fully discuss the risks, benefits and possible alternatives to the treatment. What action should you take? (Score: 1)

Ask for support from a senior colleague

Ask the patient to sign the consent form as requested by the consultant

Use your general knowledge to discuss the treatment with the patient before gaining consent

2. Which of the following are the three components that ensure that consent is valid? (Score: 1)

All relevant information has been given

The appropriate form has been signed

The capacity of the patient

Consent is given voluntarily

3. A patient arrives in A&E under the influence of alcohol with a serious injury causing considerable blood loss. The injury requires immediate treatment. The patient says that it's just a scratch and he does not need treatment. After attempting to communicate the seriousness of the injury, you are sure he has not understood. What action should you take? (Score: 1)

Do not treat him as you do not have his consent

Wait until the effects of the alcohol have worn off and then explain the proposed treatment

Treat him in his best interests as he does not have the capacity to make a decision about his own treatment

4. If your decision that a patient lacks capacity is challenged, what might you need to do to defend it? (Score: 1)

Give reasons why you believe on the balance of probability the person lacks capacity to make the decision

Show that the principles of the Mental Capacity Act have been applied

Obtain a second opinion

Allow the family to make the decision on capacity

Provide objective evidence

5. When making best interests decisions for an adult lacking capacity, you need to balance the duty to consult with other people with the patient's right of confidentiality. What actions should you take in situations where this is unclear? (Score: 1)

Consult with a more senior colleague

Assume the right of confidentiality takes precedence and consult little

Make your best judgement based on the interests of the patient

Assume the right to act in the best interests of the patient takes precedence and consult widely

In non-urgent cases, where the patient may regain the capacity to make the decision, wait