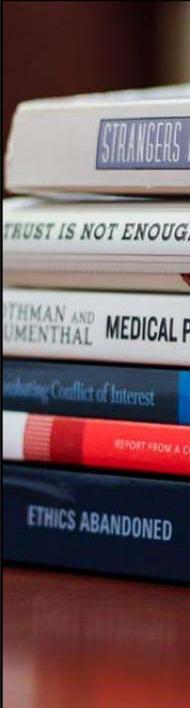


Ethics Questions to Ponder



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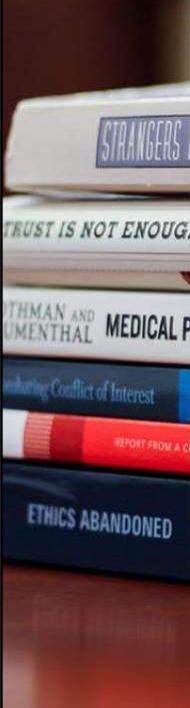
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A mother is carrying a 500-gram premature fetus which develops acute fetal distress. The physician wanted to perform a cesarean section. Mother refused cesarean section.

What should the doctor do in this situation?



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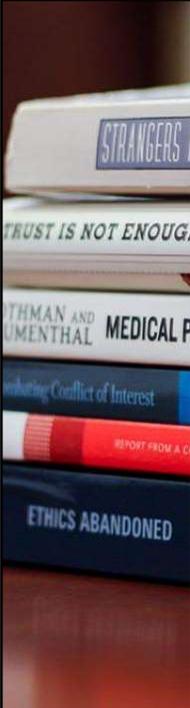
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A 12-year-old boy is diagnosed with a terminal illness (e.g., malignancy). He asked the doctor about his prognosis. His parents requested the doctor not to tell him the bad news.

What should the doctor do in this situation?



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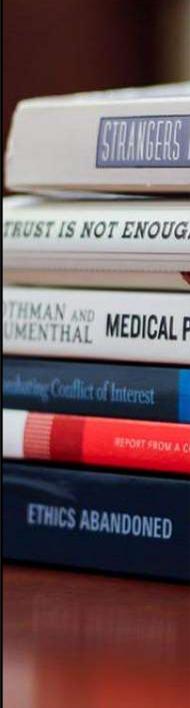
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An ob-gyn doctor is recently diagnosed with HIV infection. He is receiving medication for HIV. His physical and mental conditions are normal.

Should he tell his patients or fellow physicians about his HIV status?



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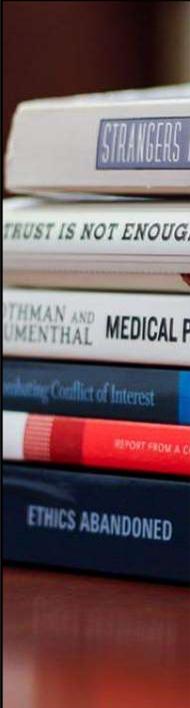
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An adolescent car accident victim was brought to the ER in an unconscious state. The patient needs immediate surgical interventions. The surgeon was unable to contact any family member to obtain consent.

What should a surgeon do in this situation?



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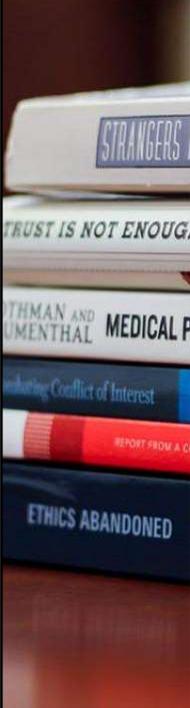
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A terminally ill patient signed a DNR order, however, he did not sign a DNI (do not intubate) order. He wants to be intubated but not resuscitated.

What should a physician do in this situation?



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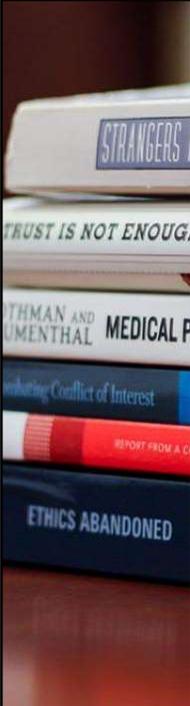
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A male physician sexually harassed a female patient during the physical examination. The patient complained to a nurse.

What should the nurse do in this situation?



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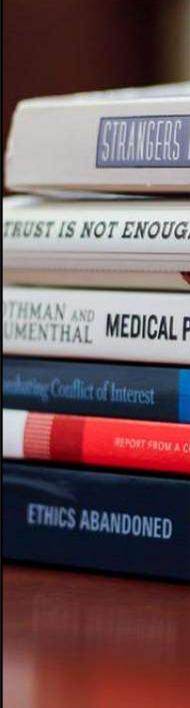
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A patient who expired in a car accident signed in his license for organ donations. His license has expired. He always wanted to donate his organs.

What should a physician do in this situation?



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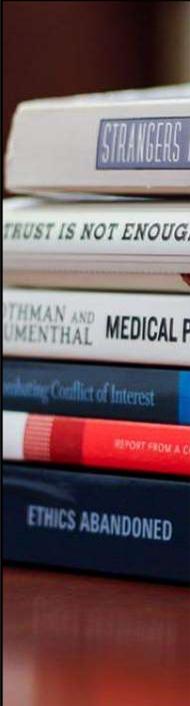
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A pregnant woman who is Rh negative became sensitized. She has a history of induced abortions. Her husband is not aware of his wife's previous abortions. He wants to know from the physician how she became sensitized.

What should the physician tell the husband?



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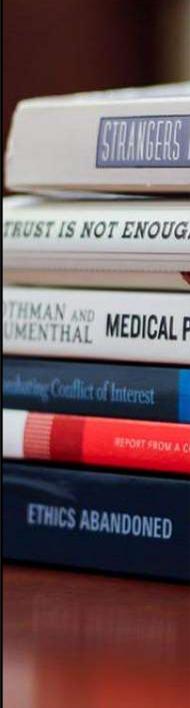
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A healthy male patient with Down Syndrome lives independently. He went to a doctor for facial cosmetic surgery.

Can he make his own decision?



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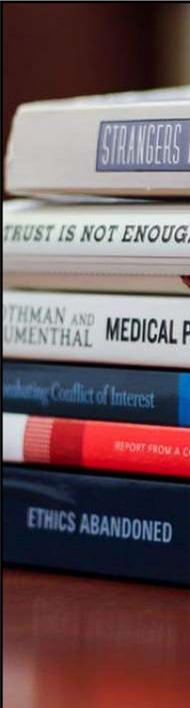
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A physician is experiencing a very difficult ethical issue regarding a complicated case. He is uncertain of the best course of action.

What should be his next step?



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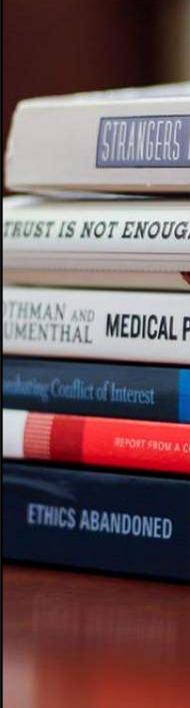
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A 63-year-old physician is concerned about taking care of patients with HIV infection or multidrug-resistant tuberculosis.

What is the appropriate way to handle the situation?



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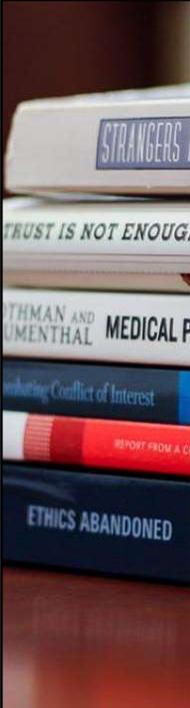


Question 12

What is the responsibility of a fellow physician who is aware of drug abuse, alcohol abuse, or psychiatric illness of his colleagues or of a medical condition that is harmful to patients?



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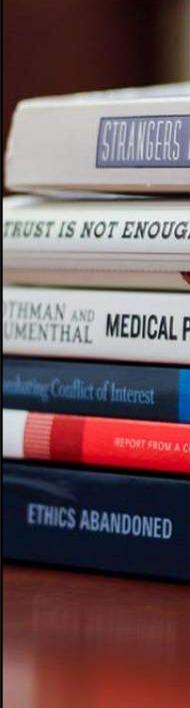
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A 55-year-old man requested his physician to misrepresent his medical condition to receive disability or insurance payment.

What is the appropriate response of the physician in this situation?



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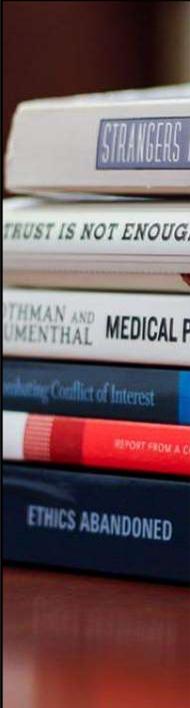
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A 45-year-old male was admitted to the hospital with mild chest pain. He wants to leave the hospital before completion of therapy.

How do you manage the patient?



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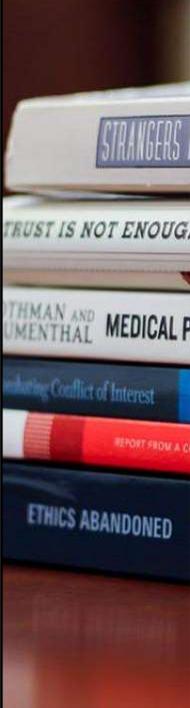
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A 39-year-old female has been suffering from chronic cholecystitis. The surgeon advised cholecystectomy. The patient wants a second opinion. The surgeon agreed. The patient went to another surgeon and has decided to be operated by the second surgeon.

What should the second surgeon do in this situation?



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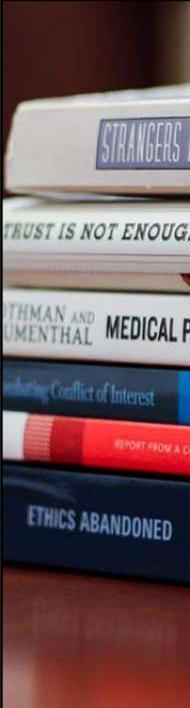
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A 3-year-old girl is diagnosed with blood cancer. She has been waiting for an umbilical cord transfusion. Her mother delivered a newborn baby girl. Umbilical cord blood was obtained and was transfused to the 3-year-old sibling.

What is the duty of the physician?



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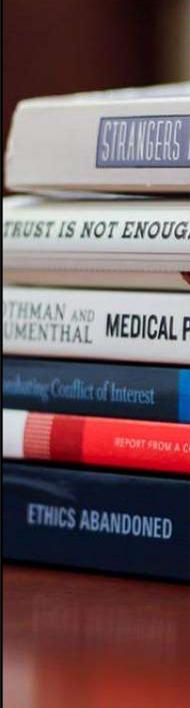
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A 30-year-old female wants to have an abortion. Her physician objects to abortion on moral, religious, or ethical grounds.

What should a physician do in this situation?



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Question 18

A 24-year-old woman comes to see her male physician complaining of pain and stiffness in the left lower quadrant of her back. During the physical examination to locate the extent and severity of the pain she says, “Wow, you’ve got great hands, Doc. Just having you touch me helps me feel better.” As the patient is getting dressed, she asks the physician if he is married, and then asks if he ever dates his patients. The physician is unmarried, is attracted to the woman, and would like to see her socially.

At this point his best action would be to do which of the following?

