

Judgment of Physician Behaviors

- a. Failure to report a speaking honorarium on your income tax
 - b. Accepting a fully paid weekend at a popular resort with spouse in return for placing a poster advertising a weight-reduction program sponsored by the same organization in your waiting room.
 - c. Failure to report a fellow physician who examined a child with suspected otitis media in the emergency room while clearly under the influence of alcohol.
 - d. Keeping money inadvertently paid by Medicare for a sigmoidoscopy exam that was never performed on the patient in question.
 - e. Accepting a fully paid four-day holiday with spouse at a popular resort sponsored by a drug company in return for trying one of their new vitamin products.
 - f. Accepting a large sum of money designated for your personal research in return for moving a wealthy patient ahead of two indigents on the list for the next heart transplant.
 - g. Moving a fellow physician to the top of the list for a cardiac transplant.
 - h. Accepting a fully paid four-day holiday with spouse at a popular resort sponsored by a drug company in return for trying one of their new antibiotics.
 - i. Failure to report a fellow physician performing surgery while he or she was clearly under the influence of drugs.
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Note 1: Students and faculty were asked to judge each of these behaviors as being ethical or unethical.

Note 2: From “Anderson RE, Obenshain SS. Cheating by students: Findings, reflections and remedies. Acad med. 1994;69:323-32.” Reprinted with permission from Academic Medicine.