



Suggested answers to “spot the ethical issue” situations (*PJ*, 1 Sep, pp237–40)

Situation	Possible issues	Relevant parts of the 2007 code
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Should residents be called “inmates”?■ There appears to be no respect for individual choice, participation, autonomy or consent. Assumptions should not be made about needs for monitored dosage packs (this should be left for each resident to agree).■ Unacceptable practices should be challenged.	Principle 3 (especially 3.2) Statement 3.6 and Principle 4 (especially 4.1 and 4.5) Statement 7.9
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ All people are worthy of respect and “familiar” terms such as “grandma” should not be used without ensuring they are acceptable. Is the use of “eye doctor” more suitable for a child?■ Unacceptable practices should be challenged.	Principle 3 (especially 3.2 and 3.5) Paragraph 7.9
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Privacy should be available to all, especially on a mixed ward.■ Difficulties in this scenario could compromise care.■ Unacceptable practices should be challenged.	Principle 3 (especially 3.5) Statements 4.6 and 2.4 Statement 7.9
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Good professional relationships should be maintained.■ Questionable practice could be challenged in private.■ Respect for colleagues should be maintained if possible.	Principle 4 (especially 4.1) Statement 2.4 Principles 3 and 4
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Appearance and dress should promote confidence and trust in a pharmacist■ What would you say was important?	Introduction to the code Statement 7.2
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Prisoners are entitled to privacy.■ Having to make an appointment may delay access to treatment, Could “homely” remedies be made available?■ Unacceptable practices should be challenged.	Principle 3 especially (3.5 and 3.8) Statement 4.6 Statement 7.9
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ There are issues of professional autonomy for both pharmacists (especially 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9)	Principles 6 (especially 6.2 and 6.6) and 7