

## Pre-class Activity

### SLO 3: Legislation

Dear Student

In preparation for the class based on Outcome 3.1, Laws, regulation and governance, please familiarize yourself with the following rights and responsibilities.

- Bill of Rights, Chapter 2
- Patient's Rights Charter
- Patient Responsibilities
- Nurses Rights as per the South African Nursing website.

Read the Scenario below.

Scenario:

Mrs A is a 85 year old patient admitted for a valve replacement. She does not want to have the surgery done because she feels that she is too old and fear the complications that can develop. She does not want to be placed on a ventilator, should anything go wrong. Mrs A's family is insisting on the operation to take place. They went with her to the Cardiovascular Surgeon, and he is willing to perform the operation. Mrs A wanted to go to another Surgeon for a second opinion, but her family refused to take her. While waiting on the surgery to take place, Mrs A hears two nurses discussing her case. They are saying unpleasant things about her family and that she will most likely not survive the surgery. This upsets Mrs A even more since she doesn't really want to go for the surgery but decided to do so for her family. Before the surgery, Mrs A does not remember signing any consent for the surgery. Nurse M must give her some pre-medication. She explained what the medication is for. Mrs A refuses the medication because she does not see the need to take it. Nurse M administers the medication intravenously anyway. Nurse R saw what happened with Nurse M and Mrs A. She speaks to Nurse M about the incident. She also speaks to Mrs A about the surgery. Mrs A indicates that she does not want to have the surgery. Nurse R decides to phone the surgeon and informs him about the change in decision. The surgeon indicates that Mrs A is demented, and the family have already given consent and that Nurse R should not take Mrs A seriously. Nurse R refuses to accept this. She reports this to her Line Manager before the end of her shift. After discussion between the Nursing Management and the Surgeon, it is decided that the surgery will continue. Mrs A went in for surgery and passed away 3 days later. Nurse R is devastated when she is informed about the decision that was made.

### **Instruction:**

You need to identify which human-, patient and nurses' rights were not adhered to and explain why.