Plenary: Key terms in ethical practice A

Match the following key terms to their definitions and an example of their use in ethical practice.

| **Key term** |  | **Description** |  | **Example** |
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| Beneficence |  | The capacity to use knowledge and judgement to make decisions and take action |  | Following the course of action that is in the best interests of the patient |
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| Nonmaleficence |  | The obligation to always tell the truth |  | Taking part in clinical trials for a new drug, in the full knowledge of the possible health benefits and risks |
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| Autonomy |  | To do good – taking decisions to produce the best outcome |  | A patient making the final decision about any care or treatment they receive |
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| Informed consent |  | To do no harm |  | Job applicants must be treated on merit, without reference to, e.g., gender or social background |
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| Confidentiality |  | Not sharing information without express permission |  | Ensuring an action doesn’t cause overall harm |
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| Truthfulness |  | Giving permission when provided with all the relevant information |  | Outcomes of a medical study should be reported honestly, even if they do not provide the hoped-for outcomes |
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| Justice |  | Fairness, equality and respect for all |  | Personal information shared between a patient and healthcare practitioner must be kept private between the individual, the practitioner and the organisation they work for (e.g. NHS) |

Plenary: Key terms in ethical practice B

Match the following key terms to their definitions and then carry out your own research to find an example of each term’s use in ethical practice.

| **Key term** |  | **Description** |  | **Example** |
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|  |  |  |  |  |
| Beneficence |  | The authority to use knowledge and judgement to make decisions and take action |  |  |
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| Nonmaleficence |  | The obligation to always tell the truth |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Autonomy |  | To do good – taking decisions to produce the best outcome |  |  |
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| Informed consent |  | To do no harm |  |  |
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| Confidentiality |  | Not sharing information without express permission |  |  |
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| Truthfulness |  | Giving permission when provided with all the relevant information |  |  |
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| Justice |  | Fairness, equality and respect for all |  |  |