

“Your Health and the Law: A Guide for Teens” Scenarios- Questions Only



Today is Cindy's 18th birthday. Is she a minor?



Jack is a mentally impaired adult. Can he consent to his own care?



Erin asks her doctor for a confidential pregnancy test. Her friend calls later to find out the results for her. Can the doctor disclose the results to Erin's friend?



*A high school teacher is concerned that his student, **Joe**, is suffering from a health problem, and that Joe is too scared to talk about it. Can the teacher look up Joe's medical records in the school-based clinic, or call Joe's physician to find out what's wrong?*



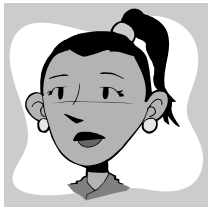
Maria, who is 16, receives confidential medical treatment. Although she does not need, and therefore does not obtain, parental consent for the treatment she receives, she does wish to pay for the treatment through her parent's insurance plan. Will information about her treatment be disclosed to her parents?



Mrs. Smith is a school nurse. One of her patients, a 16-year-old, has a bad case of the flu and wants the nurse to call a doctor. Can Mrs. Smith give the student's medical files to the doctor?



George, a 17-year-old boy has been living on his own for two years. He is financially self-supporting, and lives in his own apartment. He is not in regular communication with either of his parents. He needs to have his wisdom teeth pulled. Can the dentist perform the surgery without the consent of George's parents?



Julia is a 17-year-old who is emotionally mature and fully capable of understanding her medical condition and the risks and benefits of various treatments. She wants to consult a physician about her severe allergies, but because of their religious beliefs her parents have refused to grant her permission. Can she consent to her own health care?



Joanna has gonorrhea and needs treatment. She is 16 and does not want to tell her parents that she has an STD. Can she be treated without parental consent?



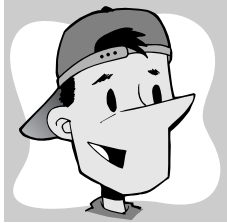
A public health officer tells Larry that he may have an STD. Can the officer tell Larry who transmitted it?



A 14-year-old girl, Sally, wants to get a prescription for the pill. Does she need parental consent?



Susan, a 15-year-old who lives with her mother, is HIV positive. She has never told her mother that she is HIV positive, and now she has developed an AIDS-related illness. She wants medical care but will avoid treatment if she is required to tell her mother. Can the physician treat her without parental consent?



Jordan is a 17-year-old teen who is gay. He recently moved out of his parent's home and rented an apartment. His new landlord just found out that Jordan is gay and wants him to leave. Can Jordan's landlord evict him because he is gay?



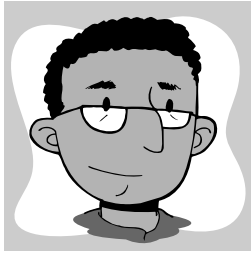
Kate is 17. She had sex last night with her boyfriend and the condom broke. She is scared that she will get pregnant and her parents will find out. Is there anything she can do?



Shana is a 14-year-old teen mother. After she gave birth, her parents threatened to make her move out of the house unless she put her baby up for adoption. Knowing that she could not support her baby on her own, Shana reluctantly agreed to the adoption. Can Shana revoke her consent?



Rebecca is 16. She is from New York but is staying in Ohio for the summer for a music program. She has found out that she is pregnant and wants to terminate the pregnancy. Does she need to tell her parents?



Rahim is 15. He is severely depressed and wants mental health treatment. His parents, however, refuse to allow it. The physician believes that he needs to be treated. Can the doctor treat Rahim?



Dominique's friend Beth has stopped eating lunch with their group of friends at school. Beth goes to the bathroom after lunch every day, and yesterday Dominique heard her vomit. Dominique is worried that Beth might have an eating disorder. What can Dominique do for Beth?



Lee is 16. He is thinking about talking to a school counselor about his drinking problem but is scared that his parents will be notified. Can he receive counseling without parental consent?



Renee is 16 years old. Her uncle has repeatedly raped and assaulted her. Renee's parents will not consent to medical treatment for their daughter because they fear the doctor will report the abuse to the police. Can Renee obtain treatment without her parents' consent?



Amber is 17. She wants to get her belly button pierced but knows that her parents will not give their consent. She asks her grandmother to take her to get pierced instead. Can Amber's grandmother consent to the piercing in place of a parent?
