

Assessment Task 1 – Being Professional

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1. URL of the Case Summary you are using for your assessment :

<http://www.healthpractitionertribunal.sa.gov.au/decisions>

Medical Board of Australia v Lang & Lang

2. Summarise the case and outline why you found it interesting. (300 words)

The case called Medical Board of Australia v Lang & Lang focuses on an employee in the area of medicine who misbehaved in a way that it came under the professional misconduct category. The nature of the misconduct was quite sensitive as it could put the life of other people in danger. The medical professional issued and prescribed such drugs to her husband and friend which were not required and could be misused. The dosage issued by her illegally was quite a lot and could have led to several medical issues. She was not able to maintain a proper record of the prescriptions she provided and therefore, she was held accountable by the Minister in contravention of the section 18 A (1) (a) which deals with the controlled substances Act. According to the Act of Code, she was also held dutiful for the violation of record keeping concerning her prescriptions of Oxycodone. Also, no evidence was provided pertaining to the physical examination by the medical professional of any of the two people before prescribing the stated drug. It is considered as a major misconduct in the medical profession. The decision of the case was taken against the medical employee as it was proved that she misused her profession. She was also charged with a fine amounted to \$12,500.

I found this case quite interesting as it dealt with the prescription of controlled substances and the penalties which the government or the law enforcement bodies issue on the basis of such violations. The case also explains the behaviour <sup>of</sup> a clinical worker. At the same time it indicates that the close relatives and friends of medical professionals can take advantage of their profession. It can be said that the case is quite interesting in

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various ways and being a medical professional, no favours should be provided to anyone without proper physical check-up as it can put the life of the people in danger.

3. Through your analysis, discuss why you think the situation occurred, using the language of professionalism. (300 words)

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doctor  
or  
nurse  
or  
pharmacist  
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as in  
the case  
study

I think that the situation occurred because of multiple reasons, one of them was that the medical professional <sup>? doctor? pharmacist? nurse?</sup> was not thinking professionally and took the decision on multiple accounts under the influence of personal relations. The situation could have been avoided if there was more check and balance on the clinical professional from the start. The situation occurred as there was not strictness regarding issuing of drugs by any of the clinical professionals. Also, their prescriptions were not double checked by any of the authorities on regular basis. Such a relaxing environment allowed the clinical worker to prescribe the drugs illegally. As she did not carry out any physical examination of her husband and the other involved person. She repeatedly prescribed them the drugs for longer durations of time and at the same time failed to maintain any proper record of the prescriptions she was issuing to her husband and the friend. Another factor which contributed towards the act of professional misconduct carried out by the clinical official that she was not able to refuse to her husband and close friend about the illegal favour they asked for. It proved that she did not possess professional ethics and was more concerned about her personal relationships. It is extremely important to stick to professional ethics and follow the code of conduct in all the professions, as it enables the professionals to put their professional obligations and duties before their personal commitments. As the respondent thought that she won't get caught, she refrained from any kind of cover ups or record keeping in an attempt to protect herself from the inquiry. The misconduct can be termed as a very severe one as the respondent was found guilty of violating multiple Acts pertaining to the medical profession. Also the

professional misconduct performed could have led to serious health issues to the individuals. In severe case, it could even lead to fatal results because of the over dose.

Use these words

- honesty
- integrity
- autonomy
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