

Medical moral dilemmas second conditional questions

Student A

Match this list of optional endings to (just) one of the situations in the numbered list below: ...would you (a) choose a boy, (b) choose a girl, (c) leave it up to chance, or (d) leave it up to chance for the first baby and then choose the gender of the second child?

1. If a friend believed in an alternative therapy but you knew that it was scientifically proven to just be the placebo effect,...
2. If you knew that a patient had nothing really wrong with them but telling that a sugar pill would make them feel better if you told them that it was medicine,...
3. If you had a new drug that you knew was important and safe but could not get permission to test it on humans,...
4. If you could clone a dead famous person,...
5. If you could choose the sex of your baby,...
6. If everyone else was using genetic manipulation to make sure their babies were tall, strong, clever and healthy,...
7. If you had developed a drug that had a 1 in a million chance of killing people who took it but made the lives of the other 999,999 people much happier,...
8. If you could be offered cheaper health insurance if you showed the insurance company the results of your genetic test,...
9. If you knew your company had a better drug than any of its competitors but all the other companies were offering doctors illegal gifts and bribes,...
10. If you found out that your company had hidden some negative test results about one of its drugs before it was approved for sale,...
11. If you knew that the only drug that could help one of your patients was available on the internet and seemed safe but was illegal in the country you were in,...
12. If you knew that the advice a doctor had given someone was wrong,...

Make up similar options for other sentences above, starting with any one you like.

Choose one of the questions that now has options, circle which answer you think your partner will give, ask them the question to check, discuss if you like, then take turns doing the same.

Student B

Match this list of optional endings to (just) one of the situations in the numbered list below:
...would you (a) pretend you were ill on the day of the meeting, (b) tell the truth, (c) refuse to answer the question, (d) lie, or (e) not lie but avoid telling the truth for as long as possible?

1. If you knew that a patient had nothing really wrong with them but the placebo effect of giving them a drug would make them feel better,...
2. If you knew that a patient had nothing really wrong with them but the placebo effect of an otherwise useless alternative therapy would make them feel better,...
3. If a teenager came into a hospital asking for treatment but asked you not to tell their parents,...
4. If someone you knew refused to go to the doctor and asked you for medical advice instead,...
5. If you knew you could save more lives by working 80 or 90 hours a week but would ruin your own health,...
6. If your boss asked you not to tell one important piece of information to the drug regulation authority,...
7. If you had access to some drugs in the lab that hadn't yet been approved but you were sure could help someone in your family,...
8. If a family had five daughters and no sons asked you to help them guarantee a son next time,...
9. If you could prescribe a treatment that could keep someone alive for another couple of weeks but would leave their family with severe financial difficulties,...
10. If a heroin addict asked you for clean needles to inject themselves with,...
11. If you, your wife and your first child were all deaf but you could choose to have your next child's DNA edited to change the deafness genes,...
12. If you had the choice between prescribing a possibly dangerous drug or just letting someone die slowly,...

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