

1. A medical resident proposes that a fixed combination infusion of fentanyl [short acting opiate], ketamine [dissociative anesthetic] and midazolam [short acting benzodiazepine with amnestic properties] be administered to a ventilator-dependent patient who is "bucking" the respirator. You hurry to the pharmacy to be sure that the controlled substance issues are properly resolved.

2. A Medicaid beneficiary presents a prescription for hydrocodone 7.5 mg with acetaminophen 500 mg. The SIG reads: ii q4h prn pain. Quantity 60; refill x 6. The patient demands the brand-name product. You are really annoyed because you are sure that the patient is reselling the drugs.

3. You are filling a prescription for a single dose of an antibiotic used to treat gonorrhea and mention to the technical, "Looks like [fill in a name] has the clap again".

4. You were recently at a continuing education program and noticed a friend from school was in the audience. You knew that the friend worked for a pharmaceutical manufacturer. During the question and answer, the friend asked several questions about off-label use of a drug manufactured by your friend's employer.

5. You work in a compounding pharmacy. Recently, a national pharmaceutical manufacturer has voluntarily withdrawn an injectable sustained-release glucocorticoid steroid following manufacturing irregularities identified by the FDA. You are asked to compound a replacement product for administration in a physician's office.

6. You are employed as a pharmacist. You have become aware that a local compounding pharmacy is preparing an injectable sustained-release glucocorticoid steroid.

7. You are the owner of an independent community pharmacy. With the recent enactment of legislation permitting (though not mandating) over-the-counter sales of needles and syringes as a public health issue, you are in a quandary. Do you want that sort of person in your store?

8. You are a bright-eyed intern and are looking over the schedule of charges for prescription drugs available in the pharmacy where you work and notice that the

highest prices are charged to cash-paying patients. In your experience, they are generally elderly and/or very concerned about the price of the drugs.