**Suggested Answers to Discussion Topics, Chapter 4, Legal and Ethical Issues**

| Suggested Answers for Topics for Discussion | Learning Objective(s) |
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| 1a. Students’ responses should include the following:Yes. She was denied the right to make decisions regarding her care by having individual needs and preferences accommodated. This includes the clothes she wishes to wear.The right to be free from psychological abuse is violated. She is spoken to harshly and is threatened with abandonment if she does not stop crying.1b. Students’ responses should include the following:Jean has violated a criminal law. She has committed psychological abuse by threatening to abandon Mrs. Holmes and deprive her of breakfast. | 1, 3, 4, 5 |
| 2a. Students’ response should include the following:You must report what you overheard according to your facility’s policy.2b. Students’ response should include the following:You have broken a criminal law. By not reporting what you overheard, you are, according to law, equally guilty of psychological abuse. | 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 |

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| 3a. Students’ response should include the following:These legal documents help assure the patients/residents the right to make informed decisions regarding health care issues even when their decision-making capacity is affected.3b. Students’ responses should include the following:Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care is a document that a patient/resident creates that gives the responsibility of making health care decisions to a family/friend/appointed individual when the individual is not capable of making an informed decision.A Living Will is a document that a patient/resident creates that describes their wishes concerning end-of-life medical treatment. | 2 |