

**Dan's Study Guide to Exam 1**  
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"Scope of Competence" - a couple of tricky questions on this!

"Scope of Practice" - a couple of tricky questions on this!

Informed consent; why bother?

What is the difference between "ethics" and "laws"?

What is the difference between "patients" and clients"?

Values, Morals, Ethics. What is the difference, do they evolve from each other?

Expectation for confidentiality for third parties joining for a session or two.

Expert Power. Yeah, baby! Having it, managing it, exercising it. Individual v. family therapy. This was in your readings; and I mentioned it tonight (09-16); family therapists need "expert power" because they are coming up against rigid systems that require "expertness" and some measure of "authority" to come from the therapist.

"Confidentiality" v. "Privilege." Which one is in court? Why the different words?

The "Codes," what are they, where are they located, who dreamed them up? Why?

Where are the exceptions to confidentiality found in California law? Which sets of codes? **You got a great handout from me on this.**

Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS). Who are they? How do they relate to us?

California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT). Who are they? How do they relate to us?

Can MFTs treat serious mental illness? **(YES, and often we do; depression, bipolar disorder, thought disorders, eating disorders, suicidality, etc.)**

Duty to protect. Know all about it. **(a la Tarasoff and Goldstein v. Ewing)**

*Therapy Never Includes Sexual Behavior (2019)*. Know it and how it works.

"Confidentiality" v. "Privilege." Know the differences. **Didn't I already mention this? Oh, my. I did. It must be really important.**

Therapist considerations for following the laws and codes of ethics. Why do it?

Sources of laws and ethics. What happened in 1953? **(other than Dan's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday)**

Benefits/drawbacks of national codes v. local/regional codes.

Van Hoose and Kottler (1985).

Codes help us deal with danger from whom? **(Know this one; like the back of your hand)**

General codes v. specific codes. What are the considerations?

How can I punish my unethical colleague down the street?

~~Kidder (1995) bases of making ethical decisions.~~

~~California Attorney General's Opinion (1984).~~ **But remind me to tell you about this.**

Tatiana and Poddar. Who are they and what do they mean to us?

Lawsuits of the future: 1) inappropriate handling of subpoenas, and 2) **treating children without appropriate consent. Oops, I missed this one. Remind me to discuss prior to exam. Ouch.**

Dual relationships may turn into dual relationships. Why?

Lots of dual relationship stuff.

What is the deal with feminist therapy? What has this perspective provided?

Why aren't we mandated reporters of crimes in general?

Isn't battery a crime? Why not report it? Aren't we really an arm of the police?  
The Patriot Act of 2001. How does this affect us? **Remind me to say more.**  
Dependency by patients on therapy(ists). What can go wrong? What causes it?  
Napier and Whitaker (1978) talk about the importance of structure in family therapy.  
"Fiduciary Relationship." Define and KNOW what it is.  
~~HIV/AIDS reporting.~~ **Later.**

Where telehealth is concerned, have an idea how COVID-19 has boosted its popularity  
for a psychotherapy platform.

Can I practice across state lines with telehealth?

In telehealth, what is considered the "originating site" and the "distance site"?

Look-up "Professional Disclosure Statement"

By the way, I forgot to tell you this . . . it is kind of interesting:

You are **BORN** with privilege, just like an adult. A toddler's statements to a therapist can't be divulged in a legal proceeding as privilege is automatically asserted. Here is the interesting part . . . children can't waive their own privilege until they reach 18 years of age. **AND**, the parents can't waive or assert privilege on behalf of their **own children** . . . the court has to appoint a *guardian ad litem* or a child's attorney to handle that. The concern is that a parent may manipulate a child in the best interest of the parent and not the child.