

Health Law: Quality & Liability

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Treatment Relationship:
Why It Matters



**Why does a
treatment
relationship
matter**



Physicians
owe **4** key
duties to
patients



Standard of care

Non-abandonment

Informed consent

Confidentiality



These duties owed
only if in a **treatment
relationship** – if PTF is
patient and you are
her physician



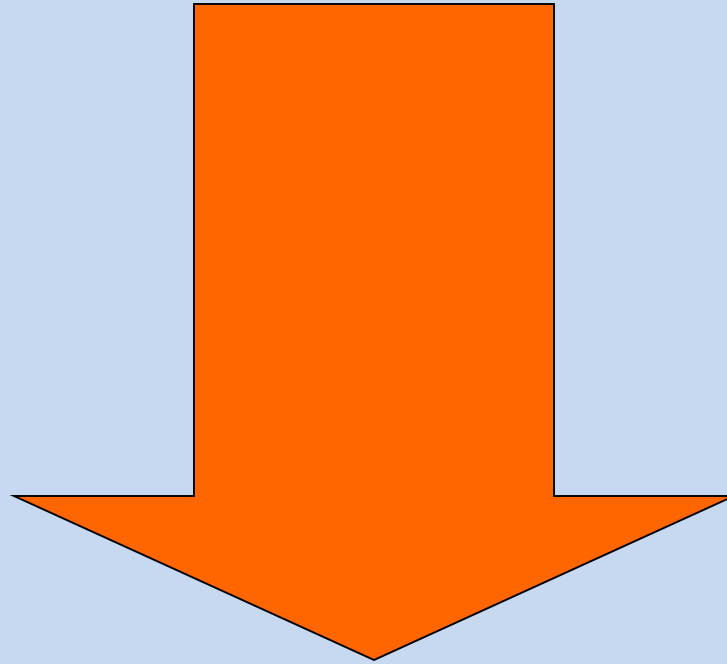
Existence of a
treatment
relationship
creates these
duties



These duties are
those owed by a
physician **qua**
physician



No treatment relationship



These duties not owed

(because no “patient” to owe them to)



None of these 4
duties are owed
without a
treatment
relationship

