



APhA-ASP Rules for the Patient Counseling Competition Preliminary Round

The purpose of this competition is to measure your abilities as a communicator of information about medications to patients. You will be given a prescription order and you will be allowed five minutes to consult the patient profiles and any reference sources available within the model pharmacy. After five minutes, the patient will arrive to be counseled. You will not be required to actually fill the prescription. When you counsel the patient, you may use an empty prescription vial to simulate the filled prescription. You may communicate to the patient orally and by using written information. You may ask questions of the patient. You will be limited to five minutes for counseling. A warning will be given when one minute remains in the counseling session. In your counseling session, you should cover any problems raised by the prescription order itself, by the patient profile, or by something said by the patient. You may ask questions of the competition director until you are given the prescription and patient profile. After you are given this information, you may not ask questions about the competition procedure. The decision of the competition judges is final.