

Are these examples of sexual abuse in healthcare?

True or false.

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ENCOUNTER

The healthcare worker engages in a sexual encounter with a person accessing healthcare.

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PROVOCATIVE

The healthcare worker looks at the persons body and makes sexually suggestive comments during an examination.

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FLATTERY

The healthcare worker says the patient is pretty and asks details of their sex life not connected to their care.

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TOUCHING

The healthcare worker leans over the bed of an unconscious or sedated person and touches an intimate area or takes photos of them.

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COMMUNICATION

The healthcare worker secretly exchanges intimate texts and images with a person under their care.

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RELATIONSHIP

The healthcare worker becomes sexually intimate with a former patient one week after providing care.

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COERCIVE

The healthcare worker takes a persons hand and puts it between their legs when performing their duties.

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BOUNDARIES

The healthcare worker conducts an examination on a intimate area of the body that isn't injured without consent

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INTIMATE

The healthcare worker kisses a patient and tells them not to say anything about the incident.

Answer: These examples all meet the definition of sexual abuse or inappropriate sexual behaviour in Healthcare

Any sexual contact with a patient is considered abuse and professional misconduct even when the person perceived they consented.
In the above context, the person is not in the position to consent due to the power imbalance.

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