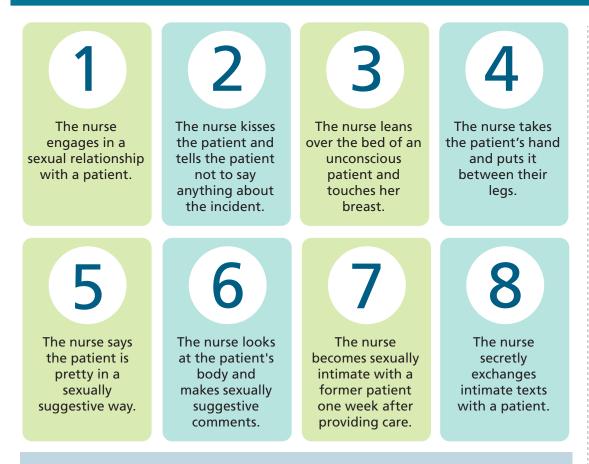


Are these examples of sexual abuse? True or false?



All are true!

These CNO case examples meet the definition of sexual abuse. For more information on preventing sexual abuse, visit www.cno.org. Sexual abuse by health professionals is defined more broadly than sexual assault under criminal law.

The Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 defines sexual abuse as:

- Sexual intercourse or physical sexual relations between a nurse and patient
- Touching, of a sexual nature, of the patient by the nurse
- Behaviour or remarks of a sexual nature by the nurse towards the patient

Health professionals are accountable for putting the needs of patients first. Safe patient care is the only goal of the nurse-patient relationship. It does not matter if the patient consents.

Who is a patient?

An individual is considered to be a nurse's "patient" for a period of one year after the end of the professional nurse-patient relationship.