

Privacy & Confidentiality

Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital protects the privacy of individuals receiving health services.

Ethics consultations are confidential unless there is any threat of harm or abuse to self or others.

Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital supports you in making good ethical decisions. For more information, please contact the Ethics Committee or the Privacy Officer:

Privacy Officer

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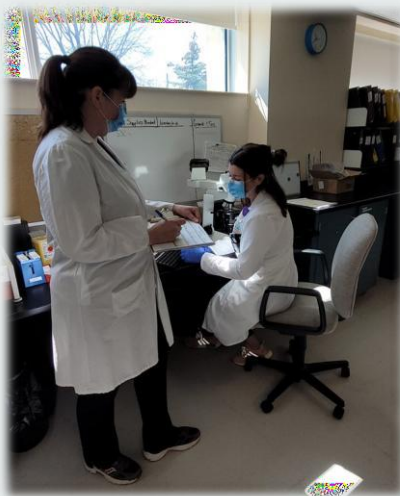
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Ethics Consultation Services



Questions

Confidential

Resolution

Legal

Quality

Responsive

Transparent

Concerns



What is an Ethics Consultation?

- Ethics involves making recommendations where the best answer is hard to find, or where people have serious differences of opinion about what is right and wrong.
- A consultation is a meeting with a multidisciplinary committee to assist with providing the best recommendation possible.
- The Ethics Committee can assist patients, families, staff, physicians and volunteers to work through difficult decisions by providing feedback or information.
- An ethics consultation does not take away the patient's or their substitute decision maker's and/or Power of Attorney (POA) for Personal Care's right to make choices and decisions about care.

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Who can request an Ethics Consultation?

- a patient/family;
- a patient's physician;
- a patient's SDM and/or POA for Personal Care (if the patient has been deemed incapable of decision making)
- any member of staff;
- any credentialed physician;
- a board of directors/volunteer
- Medical learner/student



Examples of Ethical Issues:

- Advance directives.
- Surrogate decision making.
- Refusal of treatment.
- Conflicts with caregivers.
- Foregoing life-sustaining treatment.
- Do Not Resuscitation (DNR) orders.
- Other issues perceived as ethical problems.

When should an Ethics Consultation be Considered?

When a patient, family, volunteer, physician or staff member needs assistance to consider all of the issues involved in making a decision.



What will happen at the Ethics Consultation?

The Team Will:

- Meet and review the situation and identify the issues/concerns
- Gather, review and share information
- Discuss options, alternatives and choices
- Answer questions and share concerns
- Provide guidance and/or recommendations