



ETHICS AND VALUES

Ethics and values play a role in many decisions that are made in health care. To assist our staff and physicians with making these decisions, an Ethics Consultant and an Ethics Committee are available as a resource. The purpose of Ethics Services for the MHA is to promote ethical reflection and decision making in the hospital community. Staff is encouraged to access this service and participate in the case review and case consultation process.

What are the Ethics Services for the Middlesex Hospital Alliance?

1. EDUCATION

One of the primary roles of the Ethics Consultant and Ethics Committee is to raise the sensitivity of staff to ethical issues and assist health care providers in developing the tools required to solve ethical problems as they arise.

Education Services Include

- ◆ Rounds
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Training Sessions

2. CASE CONSULTATION AND REVIEW

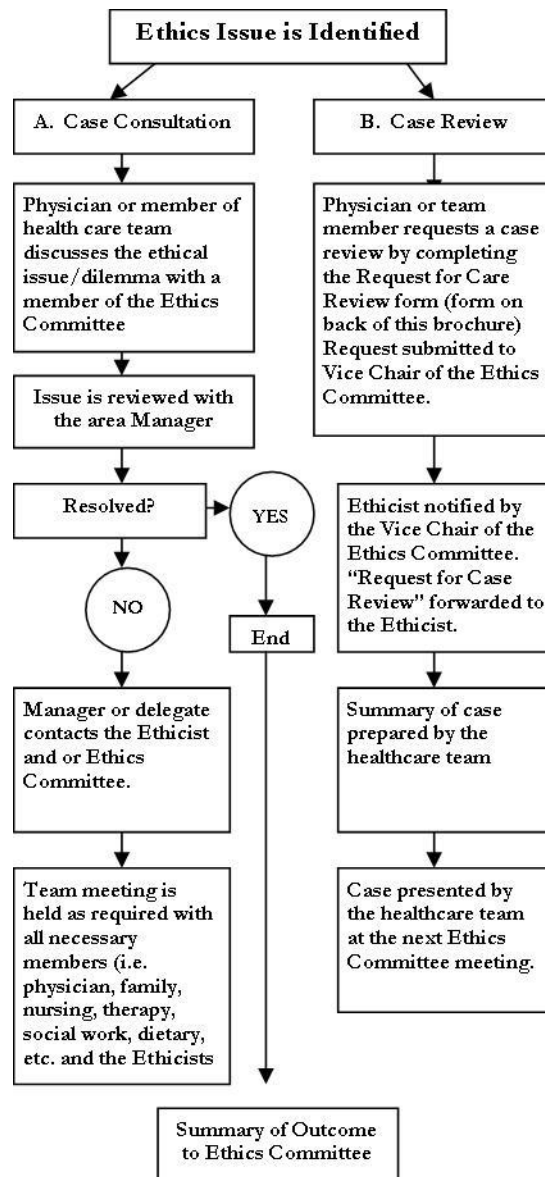
- A. **Case Consultation:** Situations may arise that challenge the capacity of the healthcare team to make good decisions. Case consultation may be a valuable resource at these times. The objective of a case consultation is to identify the relevant ethical issues, assist in decision making and/or planning appropriate care, and communicating the outcome to all relevant parties. Case consultation may be initiated by a request from the physician or any member of the health care team. In conjunction with the healthcare team, a patient or family member may also request a case consultation.
- B. **Case Review:** A case review is a retrospective study aimed at improving our ability to deal with similar circumstances in the future.

Please refer to flowchart, which outlines the process for both case consultation and case review.

3. POLICY REVIEW

The Ethics Committee will review hospital policies that have an ethical component and provide feedback and recommendations. These policies may include DNR (Do Not Resuscitate), research, resource allocation policies, etc.

HOW DO I ACCESS THESE SERVICES?





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REQUEST FOR ETHICAL CASE REVIEW

Clinical case reviews are a regular element of the Ethics Committee. Staff and physicians are encouraged to submit cases for review. The health care team at the next scheduled ethics committee will complete presentation of the case.

Briefly describe the case:

Date of request: _____

Requested by:

Name:

Department

Contact Phone Number