PHSA Ethics Service

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What is the Ethics Service?

The PHSA Ethics Service is a free, confidential service. We support people seeking and accessing services, as well as their loved ones.

What do we do?

We meet with you to identify and help resolve difficult issues. If there are different views about a plan of care, we will listen and provide an opportunity for a discussion that is safe, respectful and fair.

We can help you to think through which values are most important to you to help you make decisions that best reflect these values.

We do not make decisions for you or tell you what to do. Instead, our goal is to help patients and families in working through the decision making process to reach a decision that is right for you and your loved ones.

When can Ethics be helpful?

An ethics consult may be helpful for issues related to:

- Uncertainty or differing opinions about care plans
- Concerns about continuing, stopping or refusing treatment
- Questions about who should make a health-care decision
- Patient privacy/confidentiality
- End-of-life decisions
- Tensions related to values, faith or culture

Why consult with Ethics?

If you are struggling to make choices about your own care, or that of someone you love, a confidential ethics consultation can help.

In an ethics consult, we can:
- facilitate respectful discussions about health care questions and concerns;
- help people think through the values that are most important to them;
- support people to reach decisions that are right for them and their loved ones;
- keep information confidential; and
- support people in talking with their health care teams.

Contact Information

Patients and families may call the Ethics Service directly, or they may also ask their healthcare team to contact the Clinical Ethicists on their behalf. Confidential discussions are available to you.

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