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# What is ethics case consultation?

**Ethics Case  
Consultation  
(ECC)**

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**A service and a practice staffed by the Lake to  
support patients, families, and health care teams  
facing ethical issues**

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# What are ethical issues?

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**Unresolved uncertainties or conflicts of moral values among patients, families, clinicians, and organizations\_\_**

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**What kinds of ethical issues can be effectively addressed in ethics consults?**

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**Shared decision making with patients and families**

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**Ethics Case**

**Adolescent privacy, confidentiality, and decision making**

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**Consultation**

**Prenatal and beginning of life care**

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**(ECC)**

**End of life and non-beneficial care**

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**Professional conflicts on health care teams**

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# Who requests ethics consults?

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**Patients and families**

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**Attending and consulting physicians**

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**Nurses and other health care team members**

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**Hospital leaders**

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**Bioethicist**

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**Hospital's Ethics Committee**

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# How do people request ethics case consultation?

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**Contact Bioethicist  
Ethics Hotline office/cell phone numbers  
email/text**

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**Physicians may request ethics consults by clicking  
“Bioethics” on the EPIC Consults Page**

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# Who provides ethics consults?

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**Bioethicist**

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**Ethics Case Consultation Team**

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**Invited clinicians and hospital leaders**

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**The Ethics Committee**

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# How is an ethics consult conducted?

## Ethics Case Consultation (ECC)

- 1.) Bioethicist gathers information and initial understanding by talking with the requester and other involved parties and reviewing the chart. Bioethicist may also talk with leaders of medical, clinical, and organizational departments.**
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# How is an ethics consult conducted?

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**2.) ECCT can complete the consult by editing/  
accepting the Assessment, and may make a  
recommendation. Bioethicist enters consult into  
chart and follows up involved parties.**

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3.) ECCT can otherwise complete the consult by meeting in person with involved parties and updating the Assessment, and may make a recommendation.

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# How is an ethics consult conducted?

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## Ethics Case Consultation (ECC)

4.) ECCT can refer consult to the Lake Ethics Committee. The Committee can meet with involved parties, update the ECCT's Assessment, and may make a recommendation.

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5.) Ethics recommendations are advisory

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# What is the Ethics process?

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- Ethics Case Consultation (ECC)**
- 1.) Support and lead respectful communication with, among, and between involved parties**
  - 2.) Elicit questions and concerns and assure that all parties be heard and respected**
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**3.) Support parties in clarifying their own values, understanding those of others, recognizing shared values, and acknowledging disagreements.**

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**4.) Review relevant information and attempt to facilitate a shared understanding and acceptance of the information**

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# What is the Ethics process?

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5.) Clarify the ethical consensus or  
disagreement

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6.) Discuss a range of ethically permissible  
decisions

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**7.) Ensures that decided options comport with the hospital's mission and policies and with relevant laws**

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**8.) Identifies the ethically appropriate decision maker when disagreement and conflict are not resolved**

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# Providers' Virtues

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**Respect**

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**Ethics Case**

**Caring**

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**Consultation**

**Compassion**

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**(ECC)**

**Transparency**

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# Providers' Virtues

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**Ethics Case**

**Honesty**

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**Consultation  
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**Accuracy**

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**Clarity**

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**Consistency**

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**Humility**

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**Patience**

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**Perseverance**

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**Resiliency**

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**Kindness**

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# Providers' Principles

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**1.) Respect for persons**

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**2.) The Harm Principle: stabilize; do not add harm yourself; prevent harm by others)**

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**3.) Do good (stabilize, heal, palliate)**

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**4.) Justice: patients are due best standards of care**

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**5.) Fairness: give patients equal opportunity; no discrimination**

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**6.) Utility: relative best, or least worst, or tolerable outcomes**

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# What is the Ethics Value Added?

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**1.) Enact personal moral virtues and professional ethical principles which comprise and govern clinicians and organizations taking care of vulnerable patients and families**

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# What is the Ethics Value Added?

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**2.) Resolve or defuse or tolerate or take additional action about unresolved uncertainties and conflicts of moral values**

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