

BROCHURES

The *Centre for Clinical Ethics* has developed a series of brochures for healthcare consumers and providers on the following topics:

- A Principle Based Framework for Ethical Decision Making: YODA*
- Advance Care Planning
- Capacity Assessment
- CPR: Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
- Informed Consent to Treatment
- Power of Attorney for Personal Care
- Substitute Decision-Making

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WHAT IS ETHICS?

- Ethics is about right and wrong and the reasons that we give for our choices and actions.
- Clinical ethics promotes reflective practice and the making of “right” choices and decisions in the delivery of healthcare.
- Different individuals (whether they be healthcare providers, patients, or family members) sometimes disagree as to what the “right” decision should be.
- Ethicists can help explore the questions: what ought we do and why?

WHAT IS THE CENTRE FOR CLINICAL ETHICS?

- The Centre for Clinical Ethics (CCE) was established in 1982 by the Sisters of St. Joseph.
- As a joint venture of Providence Healthcare, St. Joseph’s Health Centre, and St. Michael’s Hospital, we are a faith-based centre committed to the core values of our three founding institutions.
- We currently provide ethics services to 9 healthcare organizations across Ontario.

EDUCATION

- We lead educational sessions for staff, students, volunteers, and the community on a variety of ethical issues.
- We host an annual ethics conference.
- We teach at the University of Toronto.

FELLOWSHIP

- We are training the next generation of ethicists by offering a one year full-time Fellowship in Clinical and Organizational Ethics.
- The Fellowship is structured in a modular format and funded by the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada.

SCHOLARSHIP

- We participate in research related to topics such as clinical ethics effectiveness, professionalism, mental health ethics, and personalized medicine and genomics.
- We disseminate our research findings through conference presentations and publications.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- We participate in policy development, implementation, evaluation, and review.
- Some examples of policies we have developed include, consent to treatment, CPR status, appropriate use of life sustaining treatments, reporting suspected cases of elder abuse.

RESEARCH ETHICS

- We participate in research ethics review as active members of several hospital research ethics boards.
- Research involving human subjects requires research ethics review with the goal of protecting research participants.

CASE CONSULTATION

- We provide consultative services to patients, families, hospital staff/students, and volunteers on a wide range of ethical issues.
- Frequently encountered issues include withholding or withdrawing treatment, consent and capacity, resource allocation, and organizational ethics.