

An Ethics Consultation is confidential



Additional Information

Ethics consultations are confidential unless there is any threat of harm or abuse to a patient, staff or family member.

In order to request a consultation, please advise your health care provider. Or, to find out more about this service, please contact:

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and a no-charge service.



HHHS Ethics Consultation **Service**

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What is an Ethics Consultation?

- HHHS Ethics Committee can assist individuals, families and staff to work through difficult decisions with priority feedback or information.
- Ethics involves making decisions where the right or 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 professional staff and community representatives to help make the best decision possible.
- An ethics consultation <u>does</u>
 <u>not</u> take away the patient's or
 their substitute decision mak er's right to make choices and
 decisions about care.

Who Can Request an Ethics Consultation?

- Patients
- Patients' family / friends
- Staff members



Who may attend an Ethics Consultation?

- Patient
- Patient substitute or decision maker
- Family
- Physicians
- Nurses
- Allied Health Professionals
- Administration
- Clergy
- Educators

When should an Ethics Consultation be Considered?

When a patient / family / staff member needs help to consider all of the issues and facts of a decision.

What will happen at the Ethics Consultation?

The Team Will:

- Meet and review the situation and identify the isues/concerns
- Share information
- Discuss options, alternatives and choices
- Answer questions and share concerns
- Provide guidance

