

Ethics Services at UHN

**Information for patients, families, and staff about
how to contact Clinical and Organizational Ethics at
UHN for a consultation with a bioethicist**



Why would I need to speak with a bioethicist?

Patients, families and staff make difficult decisions every day at our hospitals.

Some important questions may be:

- Am I making the right decision?
- Is the patient receiving appropriate care?
- Should treatment be continued?
- Who has the right to make decisions for a patient?

How can a bioethicist help?

We can:

- ✓ help identify problems
- ✓ help make issues clearer
- ✓ help explore care options
- ✓ help set goals and plans

When values conflict or goals are uncertain, ask about our **Ethics Consultation Service** to help patients, families, and staff agree on a decision or a plan of care.

Important: While the Ethics Consultation Team may make suggestions or offer guidance, patients, families, and staff always make final decisions.

Who can use Ethics Consultation Services?

Anyone can use the Ethics Consultation Service including patients, families* and staff.

Bioethics services are:

- confidential
- free

*** Bioethicists can speak with anyone a patient wishes to have involved in their health care.**

Need to speak with a bioethicist?

Please see the contact information below.

UHN Bioethicists are members of the University of Toronto's Joint Centre for Bioethics (JCB), which shares expertise with University Health Network on clinical, educational and research projects.

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