

NEGOTIATING MORAL DIFFERENCES: WHEN DOCTORS AND NURSES DISAGREE

Rhode Island Ethics Network Education Symposium

Thursday, March 4, 2004

8:00 am – 10:00 am

*Petteruti Lounge, Faunce House
75 Waterman Street, Providence, RI*

Panelists

- Cynthia Padula, PhD, RN, CS, Associate Professor of Nursing, URI
- Lynn Pasquerella, PhD, Professor of Philosophy, URI
Chair, URI Institutional Review Board
Chair, Day Kimball Hospital Institutional Review Board
Member, Day Kimball Hospital Ethics Committee
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Nurses and physicians may have ethical disagreements regarding the appropriate care of patients. Unresolved or unexamined differences in moral perspectives may result in significant consequences to the well-being of both patients and health care professionals, impacting the quality of patient care and contributing to professional stress and burnout. The hospital ethics committee has an important role in these moral conflicts, maintaining a process for resolution and promoting an environment where these ethical concerns are openly and effectively addressed.

We will present two cases that involve moral conflicts between nurses and doctors. Through discussion we will illustrate an approach that goes beyond traditional ethics to incorporate two often ignored factors in moral deliberation: the context in which the issue arises and the importance of relationships.

Objectives:

1. Understand the importance of context and relationships in ethical decision making.
2. Identify four questions that facilitate the ethical analysis of a case.
3. Develop strategies for resolving moral conflicts between nurses and doctors.

Breakfast will be served.

Call Donna at 401-863-3969, or email Donna_Goodnow@Brown.edu to RSVP or to get directions. Thank you!

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