

Request for an Ethics Consult

I/we hereby request an Ethics Consult with available members of the Ethics Committee concerning:

Patients's Name:

Who is currently under the care of:

Physician's name

The patient ___ has ___ does not have an advance directive (Health Care Proxy, Living Will)

My/Our concern and request are as follows:

Signature: _____

Relationship: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Please return this completed form to the patient's nurse who will contact the Senior Vice President for Mission Services (x4700) or the Vice President of Patient Care Services (x4908) for immediate follow up.



**Benedictine
Hospital**

Caring for the community
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ETHICS COMMITTEE
at Benedictine Hospital

Touching

Lives in Ways that Matter



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What We Do

Benedictine Hospital is committed to providing patients comprehensive, courteous, compassionate, and efficient health services that respect the dignity of each individual. Our mission: “Care of the sick must rank above and before all else so that they may truly be served as Christ...” (from The Rule of Saint Benedict) powerfully nurtures this patient/staff relationship affirmed by our most recent accreditation surveyors.

Under our Mission and six Core Values, Community, Hospitality, Excellence, Respect, Peace, and Stewardship, we are committed to “caring for the community” by making outpatient as well as inpatient services available to all in need.

Benedictine’s Ethics Committee is available to assist you make difficult decisions regarding patient health care issues. The goal of the committee is to educate, advise, offer support and serve as a resource for patient, family, physician, and staff members. It can help you clarify values, better understand the patient’s current status, prognosis and opportunity for recovery and explore the patient’s needs.

The Ethics committee is designed to assist patients, families, and facility personnel in the following areas:

- **Resolution of conflicts**
- **Nutrition and fluids**
- **Pain Management**
- **Advance Directives**
(Health Care Proxies, Living Wills)
- **Decisions about resuscitative services**
(e.g. cardiopulmonary resuscitation)
- **Decisions about life-sustaining treatments**
- **Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders**
- **Palliative Care issues**

Members of the Ethics Committee include:

- **Pastoral ministers**
- **Physicians**
- **Facility Administrators**
- **Behavioral Services personnel**
- **Community representatives**
- **Nurses**
- **Local clergy**

This committee does not make decisions for the persons seeking assistance to resolve ethical dilemmas, rather it makes recommendations to assist them in making decisions that are respectful of the patient’s rights, wishes and responsibilities.

For More Information:

Ethics Committee Chairperson: (845) 334-4700

Patient Representative: (845) 334-4952

Pastoral Care: (845) 334-4043

How To Request Services

Patients, families, physicians, or hospital personnel seeking the assistance of an Ethics Consult should take the following steps:

- Complete the “Request for an Ethics Consult” form on the reverse side of this brochure.
- Submit the request to the patient’s primary nurse who will submit it to the Senior Vice President for Mission Services (x4700) or the Vice President of Patient Care Services for immediate follow up.
- A hospital spokesperson will respond to the request within 24 hours.

Vision

Unified by our mission, we will serve as a community of care givers widely recognized for excellence, compassion, and the ability to provide a restorative experience, listening with our hearts, mending body and soul.

Mission

"Care of the sick must rank above and before all else, so that they may truly be served as Christ..." -Rule of St. Benedict