

Contemporary Ethical Issues

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Expectations

Why are you here?

What do you hope to gain this morning?



Objectives

As a result of this presentation, participants will:

- Identify the four ethical principles as defined by Beauchamp and Childress that are often used in medical ethics
- Articulate the five Catholic Social Teachings and the benefit/burden analysis as found in the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*
- Apply these principles and Catholic moral teachings to clinical and organizational scenarios

Standards / Competencies

302.41 / ITP4.1 Demonstrate an understanding of the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*

305.4 / OL4 Promote, facilitate, and support ethical decision-making in one's workplace

305.41 / OL4.1 Demonstrate skill in facilitating decision-making based on an understanding of culture/ethnicity, gender, race, age, educational background and theological values, religious heritage, behavioral sciences, networking, and systems thinking

“Typical” Ethics Consult

Chaplain's Role in an Ethics Consult



Ethical Principles:

Beauchamp and Childress



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- Patient autonomy
- Beneficence
- Non-maleficence
- Distributive justice



Principles of Biomedical Ethics, 7th edition, Tom L. Beauchamp and James F. Childress ©2012 Oxford University Press

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Benefit / Burden Analysis

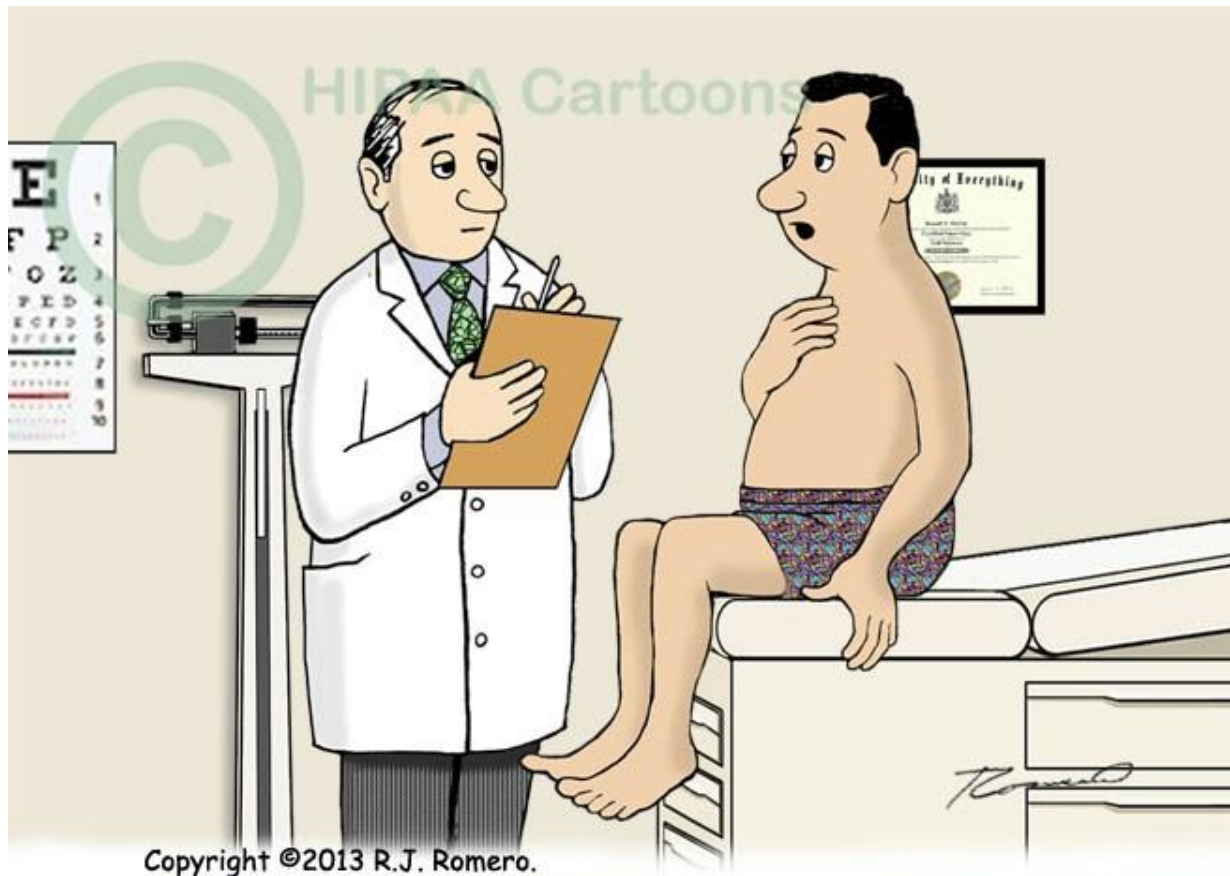


- From the patient's perspective (Directive 57)
- “ ... excessive burden or impose excessive expense on the family or the community.”

Case Discussions



Questions / Comments



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"I've been getting annoying pangs of conscience when faced with ethical dilemmas. Got anything for that?"