

Ethical Decision Making

Ethics and Decision Making

- An ethical decision involves making decisions regarding right and wrong behavior.
- When individual are required to face a difficult decision, necessary steps and factors must be taken into consideration to ensure all parties involved will come to the best possible solution.

Difficult choices in Health Care

Ask yourself these questions when faced with a difficult decision in health care:

1. "What is the right thing to do?"
2. "how should this decision be made?"
3. "Is this a reasonable compromise?"

All decisions need to ensure the NTHSSA Vision is supported and the NTHSSA Values are reflected.

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Ethical Decision-Making Process Quick Reference

Step 1 → Identify the facts.

Step 2 → Identify the cultural traditions or beliefs that impact the ethical issue.

Step 3 → Specify feasible alternative solutions or courses of action.

Step 4 → Use resources to identify significant factors in each alternative.

Step 5 → Propose and test possible solutions.

Step 6 → Make your choice, act, and evaluate.

Who can I call for support?

- Colleagues, supervisor, or anyone you feel comfortable discussing an issue with.
- Use the guidelines!
- If need further assistance, contact the Territorial Ethics committee at (867) 767-9106 ext. 40081