

Ethics Consultation Request

Requester's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Resident Name: _____

Description of the case and ethical concern, including steps taken to resolve the concern.

Type of assistance requested (check all that apply):

- ☐ Forum for discussion
- ☐ Conflict resolution
- ☐ Explanation of options
- ☐ Values clarification
- ☐ Policy interpretation
- ☐ Recommendation for care
- ☐ Moral support

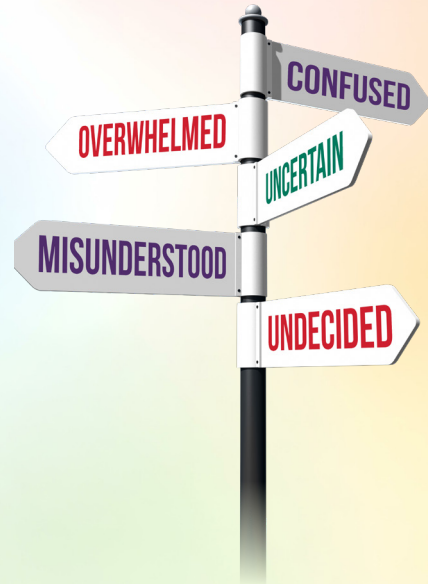
Date: _____

You may drop this form in the secure drop box in the Health Center Main Entrance or mail to:

Stonehill Communities
Attn: Ethics Committee
3485 Windsor Ave
Dubuque, IA 52001

Or complete online at
www.stonehilldbq.com/about-us/ethics

Not sure about the right thing to do?



An Ethics Consultation may help.

At Stonehill Communities, we want you to feel informed, supported, and heard if you are faced with tough healthcare decisions.

This assistance is provided through a consultation with the Ethics Committee.

This service is available to residents, family members/legal representatives, and caregiving staff, free of charge.



Guidance to help you determine a way forward.

Good healthcare requires more than the use of the most recent and sophisticated technology. How best to treat a resident involves consideration of the principles, values, and religious beliefs of the resident, their family members/legal representative, and care providers.

An Ethics Consultation is an opportunity to have a conversation with representatives of Stonehill's Ethics Committee about these dimensions of care.

When should an Ethics Consultation be requested?

An ethics consultation is not intended to replace normal lines of communication between the resident and/or family members/legal representative and health care providers. An Ethics Consultation may be helpful when:

- a resident, family members/legal representative, or health care provider want help talking through an ethical issue regarding the resident's care;
- there is a serious ethical disagreement between the resident and family members/legal representative, among family members, between the resident and health care providers, or between family members/legal representative and health care providers;
- the resident, family members/legal representative, or health care provider would benefit from other perspectives.

"When facing tough health care decisions, it is normal to feel overwhelmed. The Ethics Committee is available to help you think through the options so you don't have to carry the weight alone."

Kate Hermsen, MSN, ARNP

What happens during an Ethics Consultation?

Representatives of Stonehill's Ethics Committee will meet personally with those who have requested the consultation. They will gather information about the case and listen to the questions, concerns, and viewpoints of those who have requested the consultation.

During the consultation, they may:

- provide information on ethical principles involved in the case
- help clarify which options are available
- provide information on relevant Stonehill policies
- provide information on teachings of the Catholic Church on healthcare issues
- make recommendations which are advisory in nature

How is an Ethics Consultation arranged?

A resident or family member/legal representative may inform the resident's social worker or nurse, or the Administrator of the Health Center of the desire for an Ethics Consultation.

A staff member of Stonehill may approach their leader or a social worker about arranging an Ethics Consultation.

A request may also be made by completing the form on this brochure or submitting a request online at www.stonehilldbq.com/about-us/ethics.

Are Ethics Consultations confidential?

The Stonehill Ethics Committee will maintain confidentiality complying with HIPAA regulations.

Are recommendations from the Consultation legally binding?

No. Any recommendations are purely advisory. An Ethics Consultation is not a substitute for legal counsel.