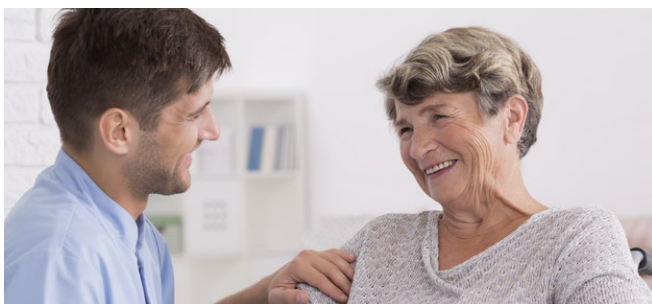




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Ethics Consultation

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, his/her family or significant other, and the care providers.

- Ethics Consultation is a free service and appropriate when struggling with care decisions.
 - The consultation will include the resident, their family, and members of the Stonehill Ethics Committee.
 - During the consultation, ethics consultants will provide information on ethical principles involved in the case, help clarify which options are available, provide information on teachings of the Catholic church on health care issues, and make recommendations which are advisory in nature.
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Ethics Consultation

When should an ethics consult be requested?

An ethics consult is not intended to replace normal lines of communication between healthcare providers. An ethics consult may be helpful when:

- a resident, family members, or healthcare provider want help talking through an ethical issue regarding the resident's care
- when there is a serious ethical disagreement
- when the resident, family or health care provider would benefit from other perspectives

How is an ethics consult arranged?

A resident or family member may inform the resident's social worker or nurse, the Director of Healthcare Services, or the Stonehill Administrator.

Are recommendations given legally binding?

No. Any recommendations are purely advisory. An ethics consult is not a substitute for legal counsel when necessary.



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