

The Role of Clinical Ethics Service When it is Not Clear What is the Right Thing to do

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AHS has a nationally renowned Clinical Ethics Service that helps patient, family, nurses and doctors figure out what to do in complex cases. This service is particularly useful when the patients and family have a different cultural background from the providers. In these circumstances important questions arise: whose values matter? how should we manage power differentials, how should we handle disagreements about what should happen?



Learning Outcomes:

- Be introduced to a somewhat different definition of cultural competency
- Understand the role of Clinical Ethics in health care settings
- Know how and when to engage the Clinical Ethics Service

Speakers:

Helgi Eyford, Dr. Helgi Eyford has worked as a schoolteacher in Colombia, a community development worker in Canadian Indigenous communities, a university lecturer in Papua New Guinea, a program manager in Ukraine, a hospital inspector in Egypt, a training advisor in Yemen, a diversity educator with Alberta Health Services, and a leadership development trainer in the jungles of Corporate Calgary. In between, he completed a PhD studying how international medical graduates acculturate to Canada.

Colleen Torgunrud, Colleen has worked in the provincial health system for over 25 years. She worked as a registered social worker prior to her work in health care improvement and patient safety, happily landing in the newly formed Clinical Ethics Services that emerged at the time that Alberta Health Services was formed. In addition to undergraduate degrees in Sociology/Psychology (UofAlberta) and in Social Work (UofCalgary), Colleen holds a Master of Arts degree in Medical Ethics from the University of Keele in the UK, specializing in Palliative Care and Cancer Care.



Target Audience: Anyone wanting to learn more about AHS's Clinical Ethics Services

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