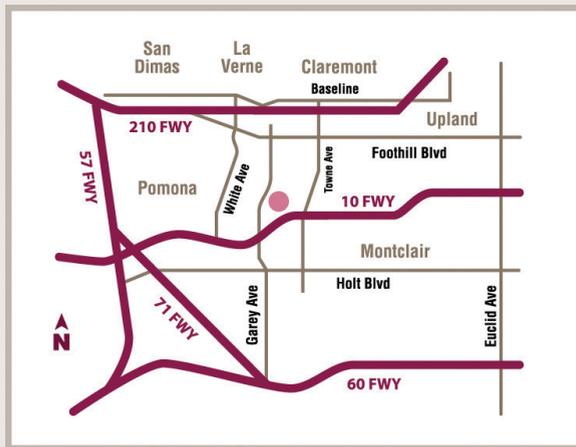


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Ethics Consultation

DO YOU NEED HELP MAKING DIFFICULT
DECISIONS FOR YOUR LOVED ONES?



Medical decisions are complex and heart-wrenching. Sometimes it seems like there is no right answer.

Every family and situation is unique. An Ethics Consultation can help you figure out the best decision for your family and loved one.

HOW THE ETHICS TEAM CAN HELP

Sometimes patients, families and caregivers are faced with difficult healthcare decisions. To make good decisions you need to be sure that you have helpful information. Some questions that you may have are:

- What is the right thing to do?
- What are the treatment options?
- What if the patient and family disagree about the course of action to take?
- What is artificial life support and what are the reasons for life support?
- Can the patient refuse treatment?
- Have all the medical options been considered?
- What is an Advance Healthcare Directive and how can you get one?

WHAT IS THE ETHICS TEAM?

The Ethics Team provides guidance and discussion regarding the ethical aspects of the patient's care. Members of the Ethics Team include:

- Doctors
- Clinical Ethicists
- Nurses
- Palliative Care Specialists
- Social Workers
- Chaplains
- Community Members

WHAT DOES AN ETHICS TEAM OFFER?

The Ethics Team will listen to your concerns and help you decide what is the best for the patient, while respecting the cultural and religious beliefs of all involved. This discussion may help you resolve disagreements that can arise between patients, their families and providers.

Only you can make the final decision that is best for your situation. The Ethics Team does not make decisions on individual patient care or force you to stop or start treatment.

WHO MAY ASK TO MEET WITH THE ETHICS TEAM?

Anyone who is interested in the well-being of a patient may request to meet with the Ethics Team, including the patient.

HOW DO YOU REQUEST HELP FROM THE ETHICS TEAM?

Patients and families may ask their doctors, nurses, social worker or chaplain to contact the Ethics Team.

You may also reach the Hospital Clinical Ethicist, Dr. David Adams at 909.935.0976. In addition, you can reach the Chair of the Ethics Team by contacting the PVHMC Medical Staff Office at 909.865.9125.

