

ETHICS CONSULTATION INTERVIEW EVALUATION

Student(s): _____ **Date:** _____

Case Name: _____ **Purpose:** _____

The most widely recognized model of clinical ethics case consultation is sometimes said to be an “ethics facilitation approach.” That is, ethics consultants seek to resolve conflict in the case by facilitating discussion and the formulation of a plan that respects the values of the parties to the case and allows them to go forward with a mutually agreed-upon plan for the good of the patient. That is, the ethics consultant seeks to resolve conflict through consensus building. Facilitation must be qualified by being within ethically acceptable parameters. So, although an array of solutions may be acceptable, those that ignore such matters as established patient rights cannot be the outcome of a good ethics consultation. (See Task Force on Standards for Bioethics Consultation, *Core Competencies for Health Care Ethics Consultation, The Report of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities*, 1998. <http://www.asbh.org/resources/publications/index.htm>)

Here are the dimensions on which you might rate the ethics consultant’s interview:

		Needs Improvemen t	Meets Expectation s	Exceeds Expectation s
1.	Does the ethics consultant do an adequate job of gathering the facts of the case from the physician(s)?	NI	ME	EE
	What kinds of things must the ethics consultant gather in advance of facilitating this conference?			
2.	Does the ethics consultant give the physician(s) an adequate idea what they might expect from an ethics case consultation, in general, and in this case, in particular?	NI	ME	EE
3.	Does the ethics consultant do an adequate job of introducing themselves and explaining what he/she does or what the goal of the conference is?	NI	ME	EE
	Should he/she have said anything else?			
4.	Does the case conference result in the patient or patient’s surrogate decision maker understanding the medical facts	NI	ME	EE

		Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
	of the case adequately?			
5.	Does the case conference result in the patient's attending physician understanding the patient's values and wishes adequately?	NI	ME	EE
6.	Does the ethics consultant adequately understand the patient or surrogate decision maker's understanding of the situation?	NI	ME	EE
7.	Does the ethics consultant do a reasonable job of "supporting" the patient or surrogate decision maker through the conference?	NI	ME	EE
	That is, does the ethics consultant reinforce the notions that the surrogate's understanding of the case is welcome in the discussion and that the patient's legitimate rights will be respected?			
8.	Does the conference "flow" well or should the ethics consultant have redirected it at points?	NI	ME	EE
	If so, please be specific regarding when.			
9.	Does the ethics consultant help to summarize and delineate the acceptable options?	NI	ME	EE
	Is it clear what will happen next and how matters will proceed?			
10.	Are the options highlighted within ethically acceptable norms?	NI	ME	EE

Comments

Provide any other suggestions for improving interviewing technique and professional behavior:
