



Helping you make

# Ethical Decisions

In today's advanced health care environment, patients, families and health care providers face more decisions than ever before. These decisions can be difficult. The Ethics Committee is here to help.

The Ethics Committee is comprised of physicians, nurses, pastoral care, social workers, trustees and hospital administrators. The Committee is here to provide you with guidance and recommendations regarding medical treatments.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The Waterbury Hospital Ethics Committee has been established to assist patients, their families, and their health care providers with identifying, understanding and resolving ethical concerns. In its advisory role, the committee provides guidance and makes recommendations regarding medical treatment. These recommendations are made after carefully considering the patient's rights and wishes, the law, the wishes of the family and recommendations from the patient's health care team.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **AUTONOMY**
- **BENEFICENCE**
- **NON-MALFEASANCE**
- **JUSTICE**



### Common Ethical Issues:

- **DECISIONS TO WITHHOLD OR WITHDRAW LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT**
- **CODE STATUS**
- **WHO CAN MAKE DECISIONS FOR THE PATIENT**
- **TREATMENT GOALS AT THE END OF LIFE**

To arrange an Ethics Committee consultation, ask your doctor, nurse or any member of your health care team or you may call (203) 573-6272. If you need to call during the night or on weekends, call the hospital operator and ask for the Nursing Supervisor.

### Important Telephone Numbers:

**24-Hour Consultation (203) 573-6272**

**Ethics Committee  
(M-F, daytime) (203) 573-7636**

**Pastoral Care (203) 573-7213**

**Patient Relations (203) 573-7386**

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