

# Ethical Decision Making Framework

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### 1. Identify.

- Ethical dilemma
- Relevant facts
- Patient preferences
- Evidence
- Contextual features

*Ask: What is the ethical dilemma?*



### 2. Determine.

- Stakeholders (all relationships)
- Relevant ethical principles
- Additional factors/dilemmas

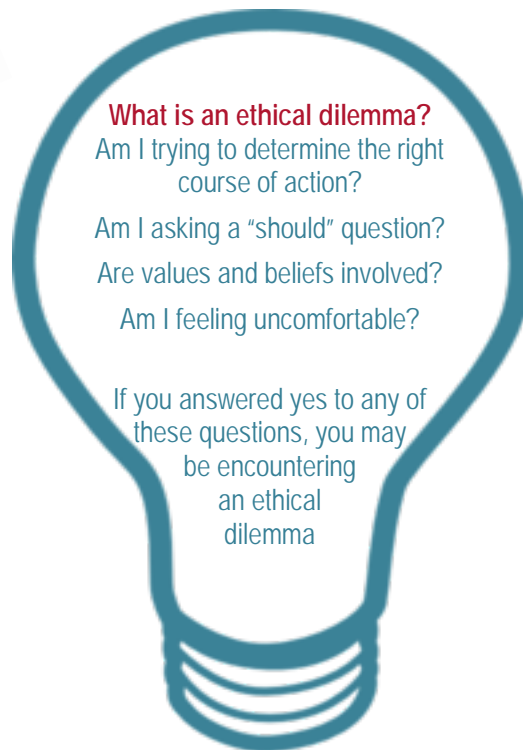
*Ask: Have perspectives of relevant individuals been sought?*



### 3. Explore.

- Options (at least 3 options)
- Strengths and limitations
- Mission, vision, values, and policies
- Make a choice

*Ask: What is the most ethically justifiable option?*



### What is an ethical dilemma?

Am I trying to determine the right course of action?

Am I asking a "should" question?

Are values and beliefs involved?

Am I feeling uncomfortable?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be encountering an ethical dilemma

### 4. Act.

- Implement chosen option
- Document and communicate decision to relevant parties
- Evaluate decision/plan

*Ask: Are we (am I) comfortable with this decision?*

