

MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

Pittsburgh Mercy Health System Core Values

REVERENCE FOR EACH PERSON

We believe that each person is a manifestation of the sacredness of human life.

COMMUNITY

We demonstrate our connectedness to each other through inclusive and compassionate relationships.

JUSTICE

We advocate for a society in which all can realize their full potential and achieve the common good.

COMMITMENT TO THOSE WHO ARE POOR

We give priority to those whom society ignores.

STEWARDSHIP

We care for and strengthen the ministry and all resources entrusted to us.

COURAGE

We dare to take the risks our faith demands of us.

INTEGRITY

We keep our word and are faithful to who we say we are.



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Ethics Consultations

Mercy Hospital

***Mercy Hospital:
North Shore Campus***

Mercy Jeannette Hospital

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Coping With Ethical Issues

Since it was formed, the Ethics Committee has existed to help patients, their families, physicians, nurses, and other caregivers. Members of the Committee discuss current problems and serve as a resource when difficult questions arise.



The Ethics Committee meets regularly. Its membership includes doctors, nurses, community representatives, and other caregivers. The group aids caregivers in integrating human values into the health care decision-making process. The Committee strives to protect the rights of patients as well as the rights of those involved in carrying out those decisions.

A Resource to Serve You

The committee examines topics that are important to healthcare professionals, patients, their families, and other caregivers. The responsibility of the committee is to provide advice. The committee will make helpful recommendations in difficult medical care situations.

Requests for help from the Ethics Committee are encouraged when:

- A patient, family member or health care provider wants help to "talk through" important ethical concerns in the patient's care;
- Efforts by the patient, family and professional staff to resolve an ethical issue have reached an impasse;

- There is serious ethical disagreement among health care providers or within the patient/family relationship;
- The case is ethically very complex.

An ethics consultation may be needed in decisions about life-prolonging medical treatments for patients unable to decide for themselves, or when disagreement has made communication or cooperation impossible, or when those involved in caring for a patient want to consider other ethical perspectives.

Ethics consultation is an advisory service. Patients, family members and health care providers remain responsible for their own decisions.

How to Request an Ethics Consultation

If you would like to consult with a member of the Ethics Committee, please contact the Vice President, Mission Integration, at **412-232-7625** or **412-232-7990** or on evenings, nights and weekends, please contact the Administrator on call at **412-232-8112**.

Pittsburgh Mercy Health System Mission Statement

The Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, a member of Catholic Health East and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, is an extension of the Catholic health care ministry to all people in the tri-state region. We carry out our mission through our core values and with a commitment to being a transforming, healing presence within the communities we serve. We promote a healthier community through a continuum of health care services, professional and community education, and research.

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