

Ethical Dilemma – Family Refusal of Treatment

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Overview

Healthcare professionals often struggle with how to respond when parents refuse to consent to recommended treatments for their newborns. This presentation will provide those professionals with the appropriate ethical framework along with practical suggestions for handling these difficult situations.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- Identify the challenges that arise when parents refuse recommended medical treatments.
- Utilize pediatric ethics principles to address those challenges associated with parental refusal of recommended medical treatments.
- Understand the ethical and legal requirements of informed consent / informed refusal in pediatrics.

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- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Professionalism

IOM Competencies

- Provide Patient-Centered Care

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