

e-LEARNING FACILITATOR GUIDE

Ethics and Bariatric Care

An Exploration of our Duty to Care

INTENDED AUDIENCE

This learning module can be used for individual reflection and learning, or group discussion. It can be used with health care practitioners at any level, in the context of an ethics committee discussion, staff meeting activity, or self-study. It is recommended that participants work through the learning activity together, as much richer discussion and learning will result.

TIME FRAME

This module can be read through in a few minutes. If participants engage in active discussion, it is suggested that an amount of time between 15 and 60 minutes be allotted.

MATERIALS

The learning module includes a short PowerPoint presentation with discussion questions.

Suggested Additional Materials

It is suggested that facilitators and/or participants familiarize themselves with the resource list that is available on the MB-PHEN website, <http://www.mb-phen.ca/>

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

A screen and projector may be used to view the presentation. If none is available, the facilitator may choose simply to read the slides.

ROOM SET-UP

Informal seating is recommended, to promote active participation and discussion.

GOALS

Learning Objectives

At the outcome of this session, participants will be able to

- Identify the ethical issues involved in caring for bariatric patients
- Engage in critical self-examination of their own values and decision-making style
- Reflect on the risks and benefits inherent in caring for bariatric patients.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY SEQUENCE

1. Read scenario
2. Use the Questions for Reflection and Discussion to explore the concepts

Alternative or Additional Activity Suggestion

3. Apply the Questions for Reflection and Discussion to the following scenarios and discuss how they are like/unlike the case of Mark in the module:
 - A convicted serial rapist is transferred from prison to your ward after a knife-fight in the exercise yard. He is accompanied by two Corrections Officers at all times, and shackled to the bed, but they warn you he should be considered extremely dangerous and could become violent at any time. You are assigned to care for him.
 - An outbreak of a new, virulent respiratory infection has been identified. It has already killed one person and landed four others in ICU. There is not yet much information on how it is transmitted, or how to treat it. A patient is admitted to your ward with symptoms that are quite suggestive of this new illness. You are assigned to care for this person.