


Name of Policy: <u>Ethical Issues</u> Policy Number: 3364-104-101 Department: Clinical Nutrition Approving Officer: Associate VP Patient Care Services/CNO Responsible Agent: Chief Clinical Dietitian Scope: Clinical Nutrition	 THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO Effective Date: 5/1/19 Initial Effective Date: 8/2002
<input type="checkbox"/> New policy proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision of existing policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor/technical revision of existing policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy Statement

Clinical Nutrition staff involved in direct patient care shall be aware of potential for ethical questions and conflicts relating to that care.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To ensure that clinical staff understand potential ethical situations and are able to demonstrate competency in the following areas:

- Conflict/Dilemma Resolution
- Advance Directives (OBRA) Patient Self Determination Act
- Withholding/Withdrawing Medical Care
- Care at End of Life

(C) Procedure

1. Dietitians/Technicians are knowledgeable about how the hospital addresses care at the end of life.
2. Nutritional care documentation indicates that family participates in nutritional care decisions when appropriate.
3. Refer to Hospital Administration policy on refusal of life sustaining treatments (3364-100-45-01).

Approved by: /s/ _____ 4/29/19 Michele Lovett, RD, LD, CNSC Chief Clinical Dietitian Date	Review/Revision Date: 8/02 5/05 6/2/2008 7/1/2011 12/13/2012 1/6/2016 4/23/19
/s/ _____ 4/29/19 Monecca Smith, MSN, RN Associate VP Patient Care Services/CNO Date	
Review/Revision Completed By: Clinical Nutrition	Next Review Date: 5/1/2022
Policies Superseded by This Policy:	