

GRANDVIEW MEDICAL CENTER

ADMINISTRATION POLICY & PROCEDURE

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President

SUBJECT: ETHICS CONSULTATION SERVICE

POLICY:

It is the policy of Grandview Hospital and Medical Center that physicians, other caregivers, patients, and patients' surrogates may request a consultation from the Bioethics Advisory Committee.

PROVISIONAL GUIDELINES:

1. Physicians, other caregivers, patients, and patients' surrogates may request, in either written or oral form, a consultation with the Bioethics Advisory Committee for the consideration of a particular case. This request will be considered confidential.
2. Those requesting a consultation may do so by contacting the Chair of the Bioethics Advisory Committee, the Medical Staff office, or the offices of Nursing Services, Pastoral Care, or Patient Relations.
3. When a request for a consultation is made, the available committee members will give preliminary consideration to the case within 24 hours. At this meeting the committee members will decide on the necessity of an additional meeting.
4. The Bioethics Advisory Committee provides the service of considering a case and rendering ethical reflections on the case; the Committee does not decide the disposition of a case.

Documentation of the reflections of the Bioethics Advisory Committee will be recorded on the appropriate consultation form and filed in the patient's medical record with a comment regarding the consultation documented in the progress notes.