

EAST LIVERPOOL CITY HOSPITAL

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY & PROCEDURE

- SUBJECT: Bioethics Committee
- PURPOSE: To ensure the presence and operation of a Bioethics Committee to assist physicians, hospital employees, patients, and families in addressing the ethical issues, both medical and organizational, that arise during the care of patients.
- PROCEDURE:
1. It is the policy of East Liverpool City Hospital to uphold recognized ethical principles such as beneficence, non-maleficence, autonomy, veracity, and justice. The Bioethics Committee operates to assist physicians, hospital employees, patients, and families make decisions in accord with such principles.
 2. The Bioethics Committee is comprised of not more than thirteen (13) members. Representatives shall include at least the following members:
 - Hospital Chaplain
 - Two (2) members of the Medical Staff
 - Social Worker(s)
 - Corporate Responsibility Officer
 - Nursing Service Supervisor(s)
 - Pharmacist
 3. The Committee meets at least quarterly and formal minutes are taken at each meeting.
 4. The Bioethics Committee appoints an Ethics Consultation Team consisting of three (3) members of the Committee.
 5. The Ethics Consultation Team serves as the primary resource for physicians, hospital staff, patient, and families seeking assistance with ethical decision-making. Parties may also request that an issue receives the attention of the entire committee.
 - When a patient, patient representative, or family member wishes an ethics consultation, a member of the Consultation Team will be contacted.
 - A physician requesting an ethics consultation may write an order requesting such consultation.
 - Any employee may refer an issue of concern to the Bioethics Committee.
 - When the Ethics Consultation Team is involved in a case, notes will be entered into the patient's chart documenting the intervention.

6. The Bioethics Committee will work in cooperation with the Education Department to develop educational programs about bioethics for hospital staff.

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President and Chief Executive Officer