

Assessment of Ethics Education

How often do you encounter the following topics?

(response options: “very frequently”, “sometimes”, “never”)

- Abuse or neglect
- Heroics
- Autonomy
- Confidentiality
- Surrogate decision-making
- Disclosure of information
- Allocation of Resources

How comfortable do you feel with your ability to respond to the following situation?

(response options: “very comfortable”, “somewhat comfortable”, “uncomfortable”)

- Abuse or neglect
- Heroics
- Autonomy
- Confidentiality
- Surrogate decision-making
- Disclosure of information
- Allocation of Resources

How often do you consult the following when faced with an ethical dilemma?

(response options: “very frequently”, “sometimes”, “never”)

- Other residents
- Attending physicians
- Patient’s family
- Patient
- Clergy

How often do you base your solutions to ethical dilemmas on the following?

(response options: “very frequently”, “sometimes”, “never”)

- Other physicians
- Legal precedent
- Classes or lectures
- Personal religious beliefs
- Other sources

If you disagree with how an ethical situation is being handled, do you feel you have the power to intervene?

(response options: “yes”, “no”)

Do you feel prepared to handle ethical dilemmas?

(response options: “yes”, “no”)

Did your residency training help to prepare you for handling ethical dilemmas?

(response options: “yes”, “no”)

Do you think you need more ethics training in your residency?

(response options: “yes”, “no”)

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