

Bioethics training improves quality of care and patient satisfaction while decreasing hospital costs

Knowing and Applying Bioethical Principles and Guidelines Has Value

1. In the ICU

Decreases length of stay

Other options (hospice/palliative care) become more acceptable, if end of life issues are discussed early. A study of 499 patients from a diverse hospital group showed \$9,914 avg. savings/patient.*

Decreases nursing hours per patient

Patients experience a shorter stay, and staff spends less time discussing issues that were resolved early on.

Decreases lost revenue

A study of 200 hospitals revealed \$5.8 billion lost on Medicare patients who were in ICU one day; if there was no ICU time, hospitals made \$2 billion.*



Increases physician efficiency

Issues are discussed sensitively and early, which lessens patient and family stress and leads to resolution and agreement on course of care.

Decreases number of patients

Patients utilize alternate care options.

Decreases need to consider a capital campaign for ICU expansion

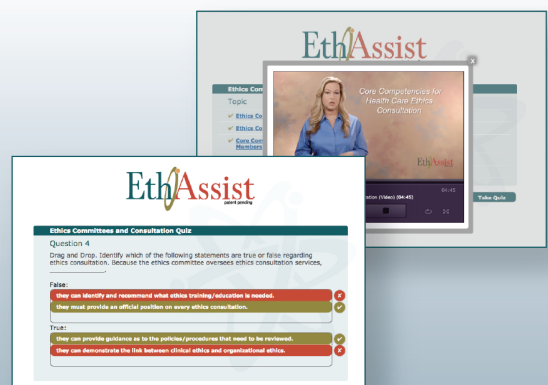
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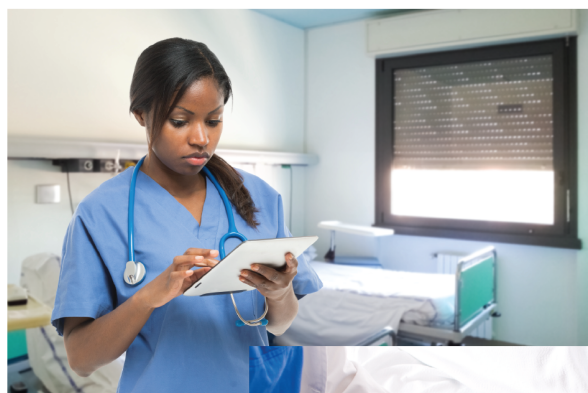
2. In Palliative Care

Decreases hospital readmission rates

A study of 200 patients, 100 with a bioethics team consultation vs. a group of 100 without, showed a 33% vs. 73% re-admission rate.*

Increases patient satisfaction

Patients' underlying treatment values and their non-medical issues can be thoroughly addressed by utilizing the expertise of a multi-disciplinary team trained in bioethics. This supports patient autonomy and leads to more informed decision-making by the patient and family members.



3. In Hospice Care

Decreases caregiver turnover

Caregiver stress is reduced through use of a best practices bioethics support structure.

Decreases training costs

Physicians and nurses spend less time training their staff.

Decreases staffing problems associated with training

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