

We all at some time in our lives are faced with ethical decisions every day. Every individual has a unique role and an opportunity to mold our ethical culture.

Venta Care Centre is committed to a process with integrity, that allows us to work through ethical decisions with integrity when clinical or nonclinical dilemmas arise. Venta Care Center's process is congruent with its Mission, Vision and Value statements, "FAMILY FOCUSED CARE WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY". It also encompasses our Resident centered care model that is woven into our corporate fabric.

In our ethical framework we consider the impact on all parties involved this can include; resident, family members, staff clinical and non-clinical and the facilities inter -disciplinary team. This process may require the involvement of an outside expert also known as an "ETHICIST". Venta Care Centre takes ethical matters seriously and strives to ensure we embrace at all times to ensure the highest level of dignity and respect.

## **ETHICAL TERMS**

## Ethicist

Is a professional with an advanced clinical degree who has specialized training in ethics and experience with ethical issues.

## **CLINICAL ETHICS**

Ethical issues can arise when care or treatment of an individual is being provided. All healthcare professionals have the duties to identifying and address ethical issues that can present while providing care and treatment of a resident.

You may ask ... what are some examples that may arise in care and treatment of my loved one?

- A difference of opinion between a physician and family with regards to medical interventions
- There may be conflict between family members as to who is able to make medical decision when legal documents are not in place.
- The resident may desire a diet that is not in keeping with the clinical advise or medical assessment

## ETHICAL ISSUE

An ethical issue may present itself out of our wish to do the right thing. Ethics are intertwined with our beliefs, goals, cultural values and religious ideologies.

Venta Care Centre is committed to ethical Decision making and collaboratively working with all who we have the privilege of touching through compassionate care. Our Values and commitment are solidified in Respect, Dignity, Empathy, Compassion and Social Awareness. It is important that you always feel free to bring up any issue that may arise and know that you will be heard with dignity and respect.

