

The Ethics Committee is responsible:

- 1) To support ethics case consultation and ethics review.
- 2) To participate and provide input into policy, procedures and governance processes.
- 3) To identify ethical implications of provincial and federal legislation and leading court decisions as they affect health care and mental health.
- 4) To partner with hospital leaders to ensure that medical staff, employees, and volunteers understand and adhere to the organizational code of conduct, legal and regulatory standards and promote an environment sensitive to diversity that recognizes differing patient and family's values and is conducive to the highest standard of ethical practice.
- 5) To promote educational opportunities on ethics for hospital staff and community partners.
- 6) To provide regular awareness activities that would inform all stakeholders of ethics recommendations, activities and changes within the organization.
- 7) To provide and encourage the use of resources that promote discussion and resolution of ethical situations that are encountered by patients and all staff.
- 8) To provide formal opportunities for staff to regularly present ethical issues for input from the Ethics Committee and visiting ethicist.
- 9) To inform all hospital staff, patients, families and the community of the formal case consultation process.
- 10) To communicate outcomes of specific case consultations to relevant stakeholders.
- 11) To participate in the hospital accreditation process.
- 12) To develop an annual work plan.
- 13) To undertake an annual self-evaluation of the Committee's ability to meet its mandate.