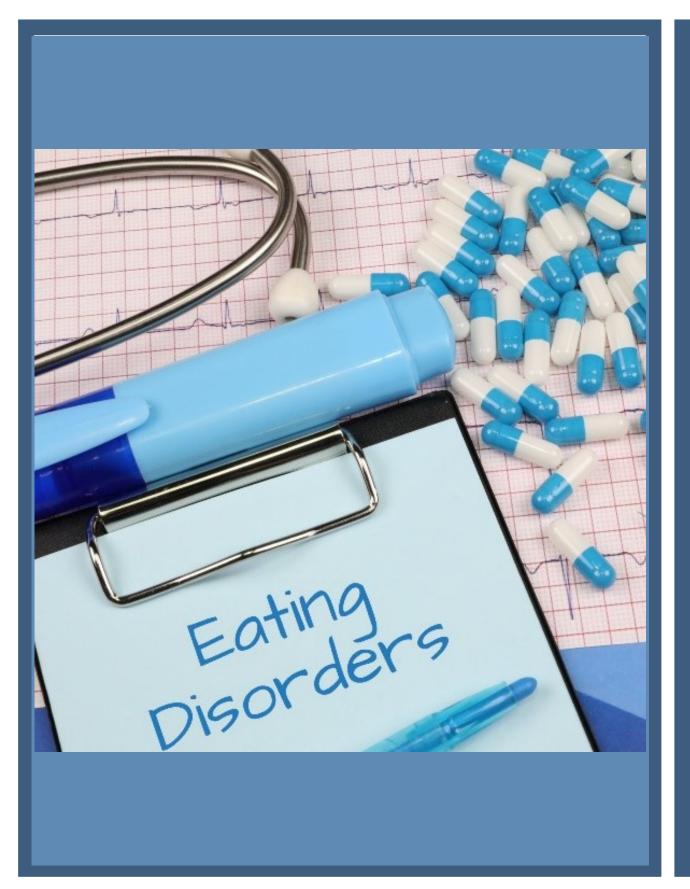
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Examining the Ethical Implications in Treating Adults with Eating Disorders: A Community Hospital Perspective

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Eating disorders have the highest mortality rates of all mental illness. While treatable, eating disorders can be severely debilitating, life altering, and fatal. These conditions are complex and can present various challenges to clinical practice. Treatment requires specialized, interdisciplinary care that utilizes a biopsychosocial approach. Resources for eating disorder-specialized treatment programs are limited and programs are overburdened. For this and other reasons, patients often end up seeking help from their primary care provider or local hospital. We aim to outline and discuss some of the challenges presented by these complex cases and examine the ethical constructs that arise, from the vantage point of a community hospital team.

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