



HAMILTON HEALTH SCIENCES

Ethics & Resilience Grand Rounds

What is in your ethics toolkit?

Demonstrating how ethics resources can help guide ethical decision making

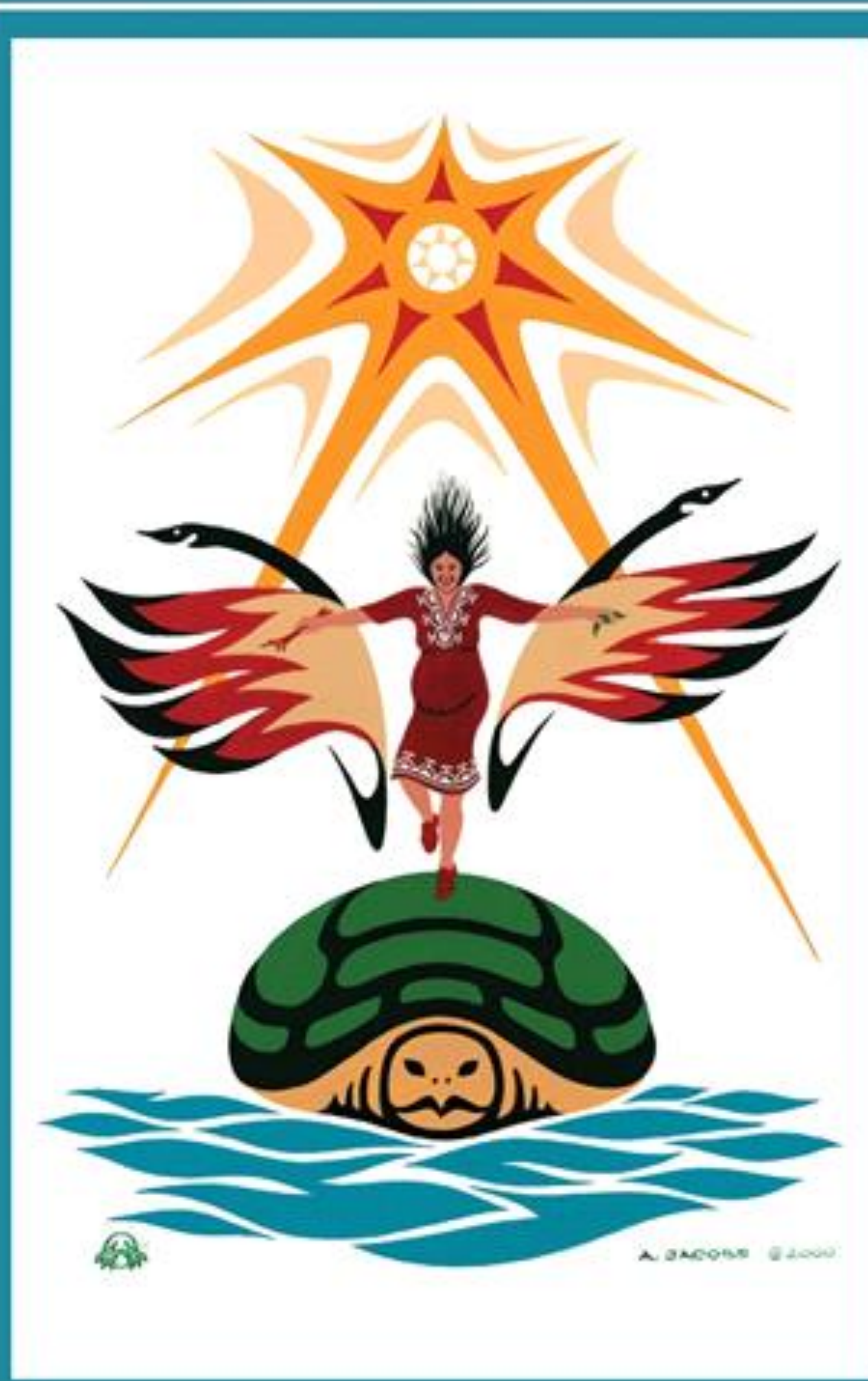
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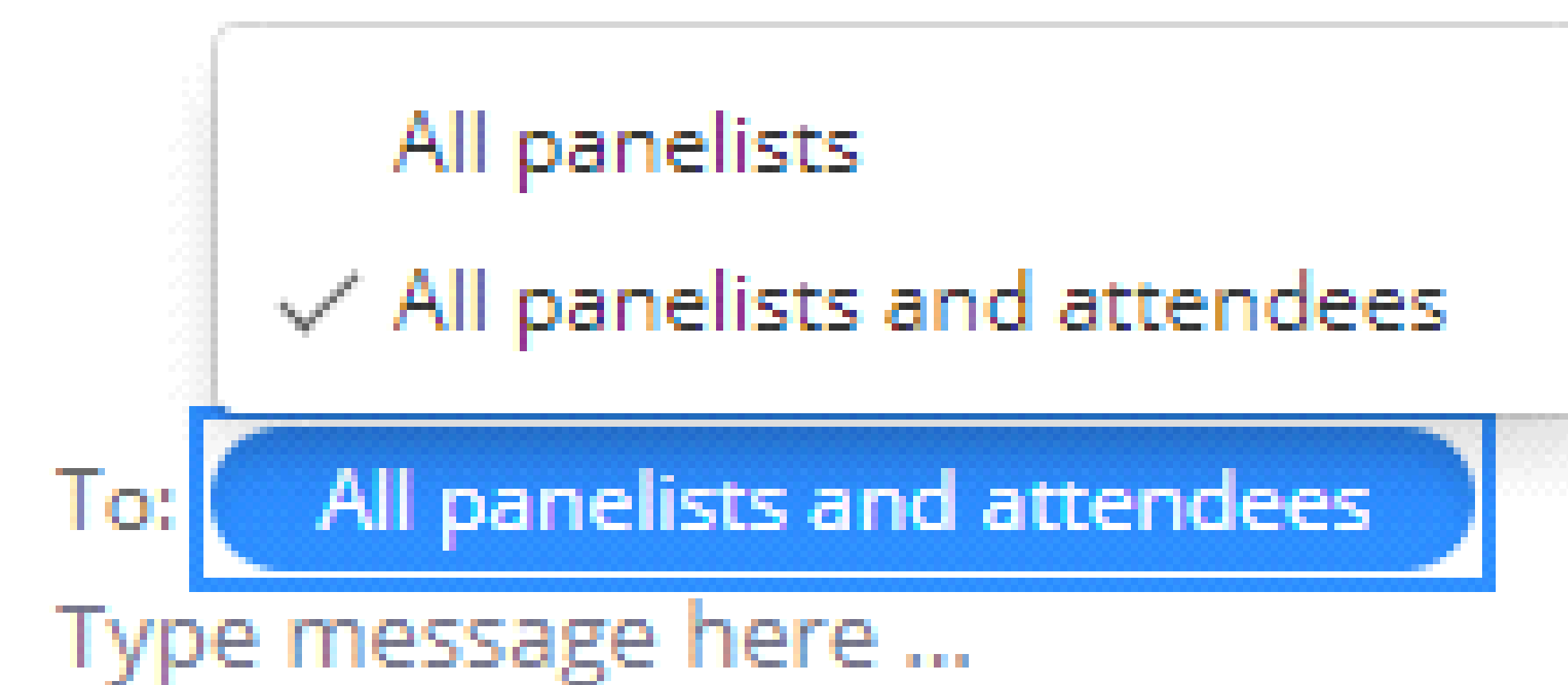
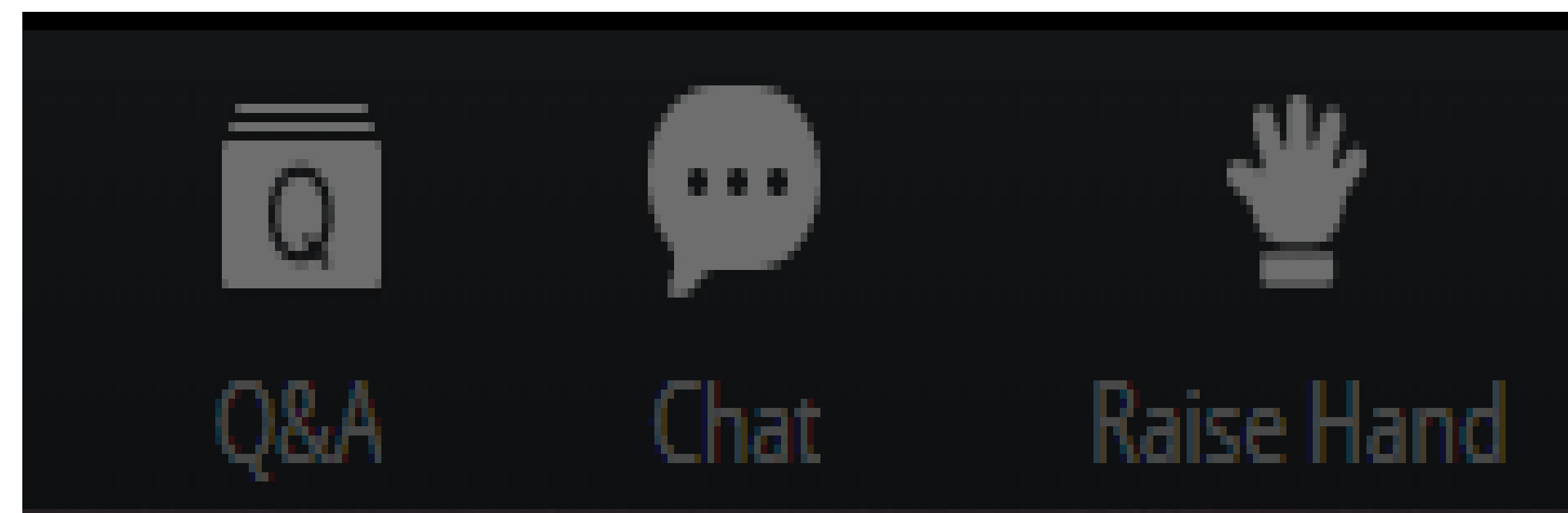


We are privileged to provide care on lands that Indigenous peoples have called home for thousands of years.



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Objectives

After completing this presentation, you will be able to:

1. Better understand the role of ethics in healthcare organizations across the region
2. Be able to identify structures that support ethical decision-making
3. Be able to apply the learned concepts to an ethical case study



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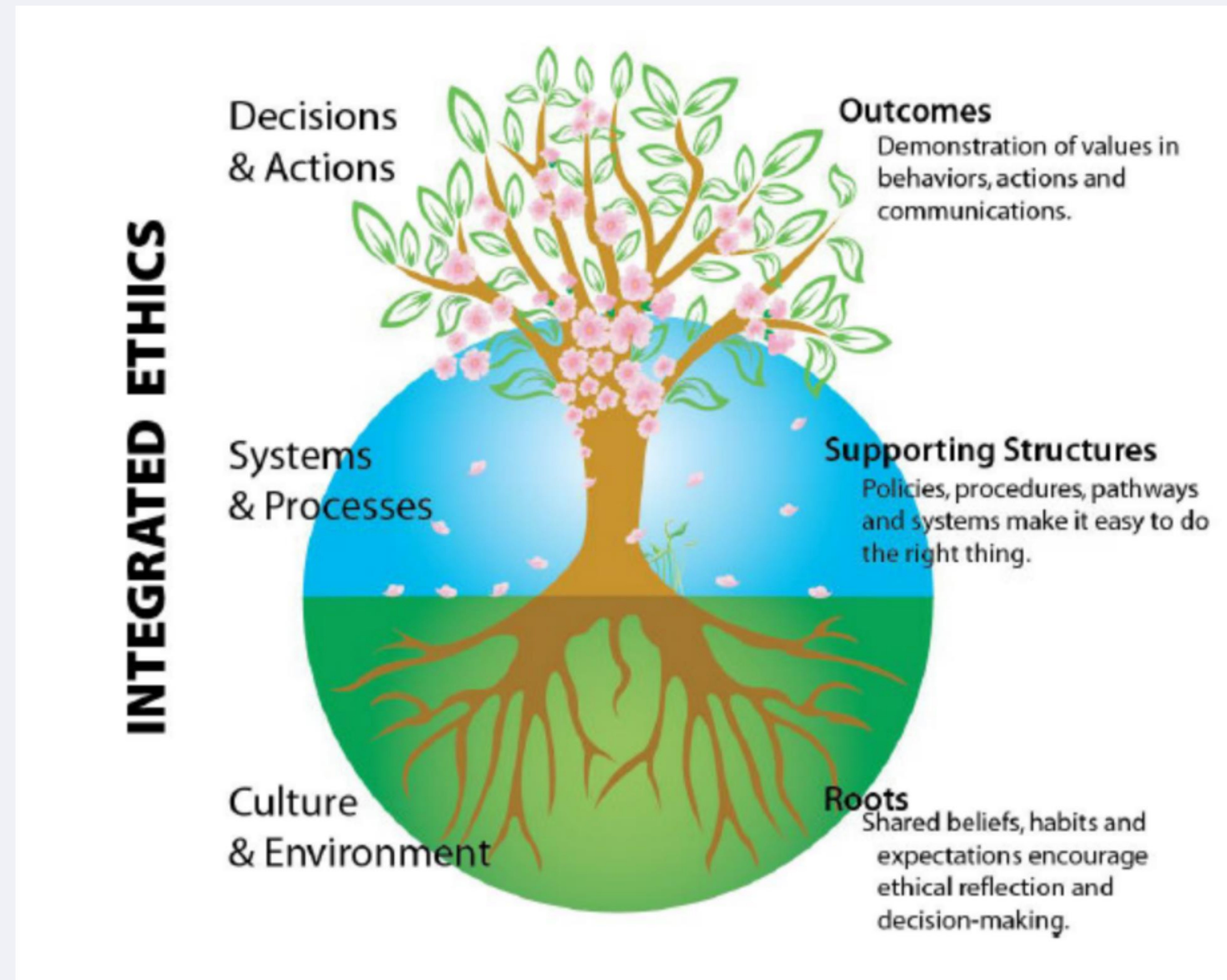


Before we start with the presentation, do you know what kind of ethics supports exist in your healthcare organization?

List some in the chat



Integrated Ethics Model



Ethics Supports



**Organizational
Structures &
Resources**

People



Ethics Tools



Organizational Structures

Mission, Vision, Values

Organizational Culture

Policies and Procedures

Ethics Structures in Ontario



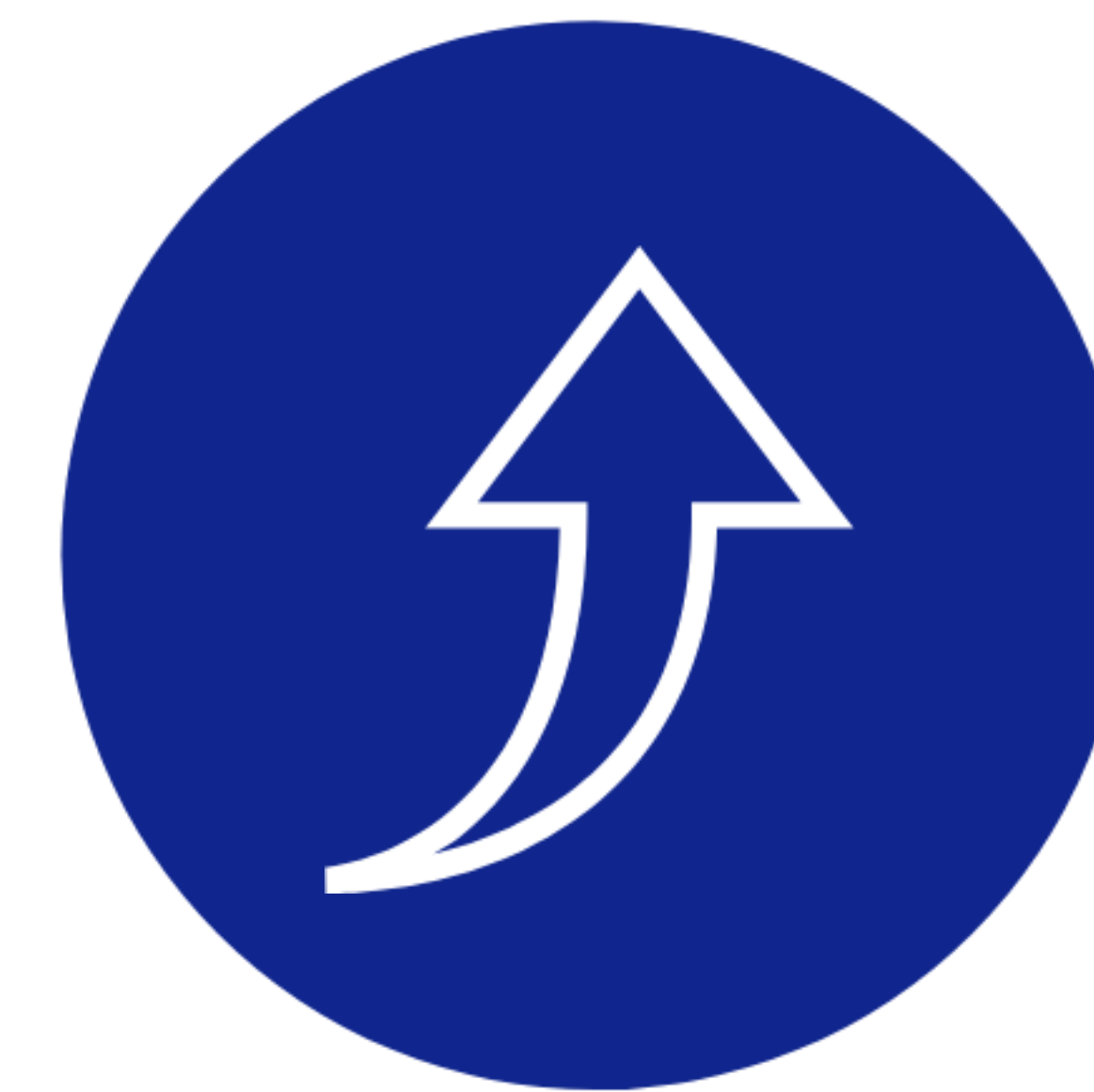
2016 study



126 hospitals
invited



combination of ethics
committee, ethics
consultants and
ethicists



larger the
hospital, more
specialized role



regional ethics
programs

Breslin, J. (2017). A Survey of Hospital Ethics Structures in Ontario. *Healthcare Quarterly (Toronto, Ont.)*, 20(2), 27-30.

Ethics Tools



Ethics Frameworks

Ethics Algorithms

Ethics Worksheets

Ethics FAQ's

Ethics Services within Organizations

Research Ethics

Does the question involve concerns about research?

Organizational Ethics

Does the question involve an issue related to the workplace including conduct, EDI, violence and harassment, conflict of interest or wrong-doing?

Privacy

Does the question involve access to, disclosure or use of personal health, business or staff information?

Quality Care

Does your question involve a patient safety occurrence, relate to limiting clinical risk/legislative considerations, or police/lawyer requests?

Patient Experience

Does the question involve the quality of patient care, patient safety or communication?

Clinical Care

Does the question evoke moral distress, or involve disagreements, concerns or uncertainties about a patient's care?

Signs of an Ethics Issue



The "yuck factor": an intuition that something isn't right, or a feeling of moral angst



Ethical Uncertainty: uncertainty regarding a patient's quality of life, treatment plan or goals of care



Moral Distress: you know the "right" thing to do in a situation, but various constraints make doing the right thing difficult.

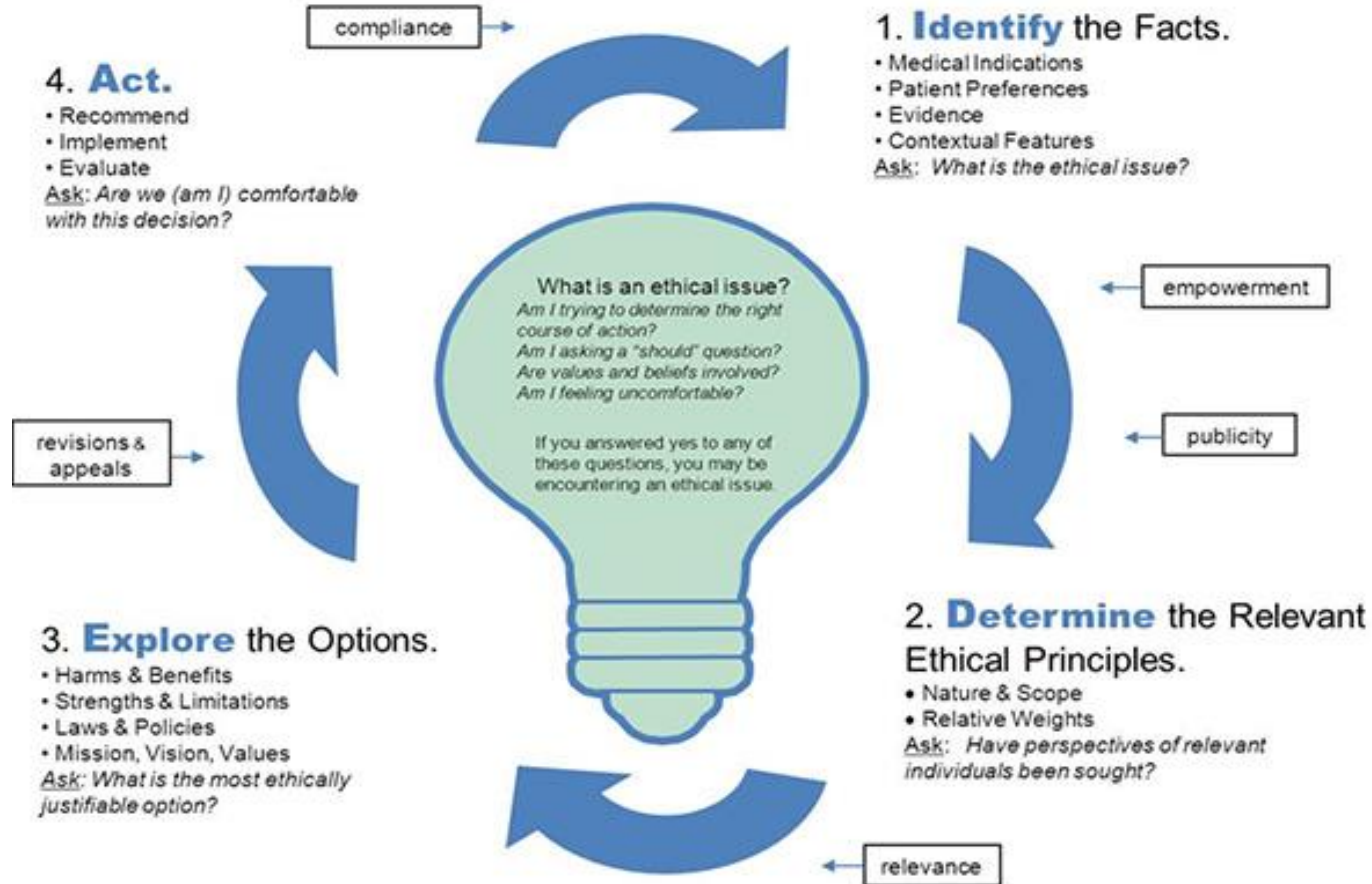


Ethical dilemma (Right vs. Right or Wrong vs. Wrong): Two or more principles apply to a situation, but these values support diverging courses of action.

Ethical Issue?



IDEA Framework



Case Study

Frank (age 88), has been widowed for several years. He was diagnosed with dementia last year. Frank has three adult children, Lucy and Sarah who live out of province, and Jason who lives in Frank's home. Frank recently had a fall while out for a walk, and a neighbor called 911. Frank was brought into hospital via ambulance, and was admitted to the General Medicine Unit. While admitted, Frank's bedside nurse noticed many bruises that were inconsistent with his fall. He has been seen by the physiotherapy team, and they have no mobility concerns, although they suggest a walker as needed. Frank has expressed his wish to return home, however the team has significant concerns about Frank returning to his home with Jason living there. Recently, Frank's other child Lucy called to share her concerns with the care team that Jason is taking advantage of their father, and she's worried he may be physically abusing him. When the social worker reached out to Jason, he indicated that his dad "falls all the time" and should be referred to Long Term Care.

If you were a member of the care team, how would you approach this scenario?

Applying the IDEEA Framework

Identify the facts.

Determine the relevant ethical principles.

Explore the options.

Act.

Ethics Consultation Support

Ethics Consultation Services Provide:

1. Exploration of options
2. Facilitation of team meetings
3. Family mediation to arrive at a care plan
4. Ethics education
5. Moral distress debriefing

How to Contact:

1. Local lead of ethics consultation service within your healthcare setting
2. HHS ethics service: officeofethics@hhsc.ca

For more information: www.regionalethicsnetwork.com

QUESTION
THE
ANSWERS

National Ethics Week Continued



ETHICS & RESILIENCE GRAND ROUNDS

Organized by PEoCE (Program for Ethics and Care Ecologies)

Don't Shy Away: A Relational Ethics Approach to Understanding the MAiD Legacy and Experience with Health Care Providers through Narrative Analysis of Bereaved Family

Dr. Allyson van Kessel, PhD., Ethicist, Trillium Health Partners

November 10, 2023 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm



MAiD now accounts for >3% of annual Canadian deaths, highlighting the importance of the relationship between MAiD-involved families and those providing care. Increases in MAiD patients necessitates consideration for the role of healthcare providers in the support of MAiD-involved family. Findings suggest that several features of clinician interactions with the family can have beneficial or adverse outcomes. Relational ethics is a framework that can be used to inform healthcare practice.

Objectives:

1. Reflect on how MAiD providers can better support families
2. Explore Relational Ethics and its relevance to MAiD practice

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