

What guides us?

The vision, mission and values statements of the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region guide our decision making and ethics consultation processes. These statements were developed in consultation with staff and stakeholders and approved by the Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority.

Mission

Working together in wellness to promote, enhance and maintain quality of life.

External Vision

Vibrant and diverse communities, rich in northern heritage, tradition and culture.

Internal Vision

A safe, respectful environment of teamwork, learning and continuous quality improvement, representative of the communities we serve.

Values

Wholistic Approach

Equity

Accountability

Competence

Trust

Team Approach

Contact us

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Ethics Consultation Service



Introduction to ethics

Ethics is the application of guiding values, principles and standards that healthcare providers, teams and organizations use to determine how things ought to be done and what the right decision might be.

Ethical issues arise when people hold differing strong values and views about the appropriate course of action to follow, for example, for treatment, care, or resource allocation.

Ethical analysis through an ethical consultation is especially important in the delivery of health care services. Good health is important to everyone. Freedom to make personal decisions is greatly valued and Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region believes individuals should have choices when determining their course of health care.



Who may request an ethics consultation?

Any patient, family member, health care provider or other employee may request an Ethics Case Review or consultation.

The consultants will expect that everyone involved has discussed the situation in detail prior to an ethics consultation request, and has tried to find a solution agreeable to all.

Who are the consultants?



The consultants are members of the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region Ethics Committee who participate in ethics training. They come from several areas, such as medicine, nursing, mental health, primary care, and addictions.

How can an ethics consultation help?

Consultation can help clarify the ethical issue.

The consultants will guide discussion of the concern with all individuals involved.

The consultants will help participants to be clear about which goals and values are most important to them so that together an agreement can be reached about the best course of action.

What will happen after a request is made?

A consultant will return the phone call to the person making the request.

After reviewing the case briefly, the consultant may ask pertinent parties (health care providers, patient/family, or other employees as applicable) to attend a meeting to discuss the issue or dilemma. All such reviews are completely confidential.



What other services are available?

- Ethics workshops and training.
- Resources for patients, families and health region staff who have identified an ethical issue.
- Support for dealing with clinical and non-clinical ethical issues, including meeting with the relevant parties to gather and share information and to facilitate communication and shared decision-making among all concerned. Topics may include resource allocation, policy and procedure development and decision-making.