

## Case Consultation Worksheet #3

### Ethical Principles Reference Sheet

#### **Principlism** (principle-based ethics)

**Autonomy** – Self determination, self-rule, self-definition, self-direction.

**Beneficence** – Doing good for another, maximize benefits for the patient (best interest).

**Nonmaleficence** – Refrain from doing harm; remove from harm.

**Justice** – Commitment to fairness, that people in the same circumstance are treated similarly.

#### **Virtue Ethics** (character-based ethics)

**Compassion** – The capacity to feel something of the unique predicament of the person and to suffer vicariously the person's fear, anxiety or pain.

**Fortitude** – Moral courage or firm courage and patient endurance of misfortune.

**Integrity** – The capacity to integrate all virtues into a whole and to prudentially judge the relative importance in each situation of principles and rules.

**Veracity / Truth Telling** – Trust that health care providers will provide accurate, complete information.

**Paternalism** – The responsibility of those with resources to protect and help.

**Common Good** – Conditions necessary for the well-being and good functioning of society.

**Personal Responsibility** – Duty to care for your own well-being.

**Stewardship** – Closely related to justice, prudent use of shared resources.

**Fidelity** – The responsibility not to abandon a patient once an initial commitment to provide services is made.