

Ethics Grand Rounds

Addiction as a Co-Morbidity: Practical and Ethical Challenges in Medical Decision Making

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Addiction is an increasingly common co-morbidity for patients with complex medical conditions. It affects patients' and families' judgment, confounds medical decision making, and often destroys trust between patients and their caregivers. The panel will discuss the ethical challenges that addiction – to alcohol, pain medication, or illicit drugs – presents for health care providers and the institution as a whole, and consider strategies for identifying and serving patients' best interests when addiction is a factor in care.

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