**Ethics**

# Bridgepoint Hospital has an active ethics program. The focus is twofold: to assist decision-makers in right and proper decision making, and to promote excellence in clinical care, management and research by addressing the ethical components of the work at hand.

Services provided by the Department include:

* **Ethics consultations** – for staff, patients and substitute decision makers on clinical, organisational and research ethics issues
* **Education sessions –** for staff and students, including Brown Bag Ethics Lunches (BBELs, 2nd Thursday each month) and unit/discipline discussions where topical subjects are discussed together in an informal environment
* **Policy Development and Review** – development/review of policies
* **Human Participant Research Review** – all human participant research protocols must be reviewed and approved by the Research Ethics Board
* **Ethics Research** – ongoing research on ethical issues e.g., values history, QoLF, bariatric issues and telephone death communication.

To build ethics capacity among staff, the [intranet](https://portal.bridgepointhealth.ca/en/our-organization/ethics.asp) ethics page includes:

* Ethics Framework for the Hospital
* Decision making toolkit, worksheets, and examples
* Glossary of terms
* Handouts for patients

Also available are handouts for staff on various ethical issues.

*It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.*

*Aristotle*