

in the opposition between two ideas that may be good; it is not necessarily the opposition between good and evil” (Basso-Musso, 2012). Ethical dilemmas are always occurring in a healthcare setting. Ethical dilemma that I experienced was when I had to take care of a family member who came with the patient. The family member was in her 80’s who had difficulty in hearing and was on wheelchair. When the patient was taken for procedure, I had to take her to the waiting room because she could not do it herself. This would be a problem if we are short staffed or having a huge load of patients. The hospital would have to look for resources to meet these addition needs at times. Some examples of ethical dilemmas seen in preop are family coming with kids or disabled or Alzheimer’s or dementia members who would require sitters to take care of them when the patient leaves for the procedure. The hospital ends up paying for the resources. Also, there are situations where the family takes more control in decision making then the patient especially in case of minors. According to the journal, “assessing the consent of a minor is an ethical legal dilemma that often faces perioperative registered nurses” (Kuz, 2006). This journal focuses on a teenager who is 14 years old signing consent for a surgery without her parents being present. But the perioperative nurse informs the case manager and request to call the mother to obtain a legal consent over the phone, after which they perform the surgery.

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