To: Stanford Anesthesia Residents

From: Audrey Shafer, M.D.

RE: Ethics in the OR: May 1, 2002, 4:30 p.m.

Ethics in the OR are case-based discussion sessions for the anesthesia residents. Residents are always welcome to submit cases, or descriptions of events which troubled or bothered them, or questions with an ethical or moral dimension. Please read the cases below, and the attached articles. Issues we will discuss include professionalism, limitation of work hours, continuity of care, informed consent, surrogate decision-making, deception, care by physicians-in-training.

The ASA Syllabus on Ethics is in the anesthesia library. It contains information about informed consent, pediatric informed consent (informed assent), Jehovah’s witness issues, end-of-life issues, perioperative do-not-resuscitate orders, and determination of brain death. If you do not already have a copy of this syllabus, you are welcome to refer to the library copy or make one for yourself.

(Notes: These sessions occur twice a year as part of the regularly scheduled didactic sessions for residents. In addition, residents receive ethics education during their intensive care rotations and during departmental case conferences. The Ethics in the OR cases are not printed here, as they are confidential. Each resident is given a copy of the ASA Syllabus on Ethics in the summer of their first year of anesthesia training.)

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References

General
ASA Guidelines for the ethical practice of anesthesiology, amended Oct 17, 2001
ASA Ethical guidelines for the anesthesia care of patients with do-not-resuscitate orders or other directives that limit treatment, amended Oct 17, 2001
ASA Ethics Committee template for informed consent for anesthesia care in the patient with an existing do-not-resuscitate order.
ASA Guidelines for the anesthesia care team, amended Oct 17, 2001

Professionalism

Chekhov, Anton. Enemies. 1887


**Balancing Ethical Principles**


**Resident Work Hours, Conditions, Education**


ACGME Outcome Project: General competencies for residents vers. 1.3 (9.28.99)


**Informed Consent, Surrogate Decision Making**


**Autonomy**


**Deception**