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Abstract Submission Form – Papers

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Proposed title of paper: The Many Faces of Culture: Challenges for an Autonomy Ethic

Abstract with 3 clearly stated objectives in 250 words:

This paper will focus on the impact of cultural differences in clinical cases brought to ethics consultation. A series of cases will be employed to elicit tensions and challenges created by cultural differences which present in each of them. Cases to be discussed may include: an adult son and daughter requesting that a cancer diagnosis be kept from their mother; a competent adult patient refusing amputation of his leg because he wants to “die whole”; a ruptured membrane/borderline viability pregnancy case in which the patient’s husband wants to unilaterally make decisions for his pregnant wife; a terminal cancer case in which a patient and his family believe that the patient’s cancer was spread by doctors who “broke the seal” through biopsy; and the case of a request for withdrawal of ventilator support by a patient who was injured in a drug deal while illegally in the country and using a stolen identity. It will be argued that the need for ethics consultation emerges partly from the plurality of cultural differences present in each case which give rise to the different values that involved parties bring to the case. Cultural differences to be considered include ethnic, religious, professional and institutional. Presentation style will be dialogic and interactive.

Objectives

- Discuss clinical cases involving cultural difference
- Identify sources of cultural difference and how these give rise to the need for ethics consultation
- Analyze how ethical issue created by cultural difference might be addressed through ethics consultation

If you have or will publish on this topic, please cite reference:

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