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Proposed title of poster: A Case in Which Explanation of the Treatment to the Competent Patient and the Implementation of Surgery are Refused by the Family Members: Making Use of the Clinical Ethics Examination Sheet in Emergency Medicine

Abstract of poster content with three clearly stated objectives (up to 250 words):

The medical staff at the Department of Emergency Medicine hold the Clinical Ethics Case Conference monthly with an ethicist on each difficult case by making use of the Clinical Ethics Examination Sheet. The purpose of the conference is to analyze the structure of moral dilemmas and to improve problem-solving abilities by examining the communication process on the treatment policy. In this presentation,

we examine a case in which a man in his 80s presented at our hospital with the left lower extremity necrotizing inflammation of fascia and septic shock.

Although the medical staff tried to explain to the competent patient about the necessity of left lower extremity surgery, which was regarded as the most effective treatment, the family members refused to explain to the patient and to conduct the surgery for the benefit of the patient, so the medical staff gave up conducting the surgery. By making use of the Clinical Ethics Examination Sheet, points at issue are made clear and shared among the medical staff, and treatment policy can be established in some cases.

While usually the treatment policy proposed by the physician is accepted by the patient and the family members, in this case the medical staff experienced refusal of the family members. However, there have been controversies over the issue of refusal of the explanation to the patient by the family members and its acceptance among the medical staff. How to communicate with the patient and the family members is a major task to be examined.

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