As nurses and bedside care providers, we are in the unique position of having intimate knowledge of our patient’s values and wishes while also being highly educated and experienced with complex medical conditions. Doing “what’s right” for our patients serves as a guide for our care, but can also be a source of contention when there are organizational constraints or different opinions among the health care team. How to navigate these ethically complex situations isn’t discussed often enough, which can leave us feeling powerless and frustrated.

From February to August, please join us the first Thursday of the month for a conversation about everyday ethical situations in bedside care. Dr. Peter DePergola, Baystate Health’s Clinical Ethicist, will facilitate our discussion and guide us through related case studies, news reports, and research. Through discussion and reflection, participants will develop a framework for critical thinking on ethically complicated situations and learn to recognize the phenomena of moral distress that is associated with them.

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