

The Ontario Podortho Nursing Association

Ethics Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The Ethics Committee is a multidisciplinary team composed of Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses. The Committee has three main purposes.

1. Provide a consultation service for an OPNA member who believes there is an ethically challenging issue that is not being addressed or that they need help resolving, beyond going through normal channels.
2. Provide ongoing education or information to OPNA members on any ethical component of changing legislation or situations in clinical practice.
3. Support OPNA by reviewing new policies or procedures by the CNO that may impact an ethical issue, patient rights, OPNA member's rights and other similar topics.

2. Responsibilities

- To encourage and support the integration of clinical ethics within OPNA member's.
- To keep committee members abreast of pertinent current or emerging ethical issues through review of literature and open discussion.
- To support and promote ongoing dialogue between the Ethics Committee members and OPNA members by:
 - being responsive to suggestions by OPNA members for education related to clinical ethics
 - identifying current ethical issues that require analysis and discussion
 - offering prompt and clear comments on issues relating to policies, procedures and guidelines
 - informing OPNA members of the existence of the ethics service that is available for consultation

Ethical Practice

Advanced Foot Care Nurses are aware of the particular ethical challenges in their practice. They are committed to protecting the public and providing services in an environment of safe, competent, evidence informed clinical and business practices.

Competent Advanced Foot Care Nurses:

1. Practice within, and adhere to, best practice guidelines, nurse standards, established procedures and policies for advanced nursing foot care.
2. Accept responsibility for maintaining respect, empathy, trust, honesty and integrity in the relationship with client of advanced nursing foot care.
3. Adhere to the ethical practice providing beneficence and non-maleficence in the practice, the relationship, and the business of advanced nursing foot care.
4. Charge clients fees that are comparable with that of other advanced foot care nurses and health care providers who have similar competencies and provide similar services.
5. Recognize actual or potential conflicts of interest in the practice of an advanced foot care business.
6. Endeavour to avoid potential or actual conflicts of interest in the operation of an advanced nursing foot care business.

Board Members

Heidi Moniz RPN – Director of Ethics committee

Related websites:

<http://www.cno.org/fr/exercice-de-la-profession/educational-tools/learning-modules/ethics/working-through-ethical-situations-in-nursing-practice/>

http://www.cno.org/globalassets/docs/prac/41034_ethics.pdf

<http://www.mb-phen.ca/files/PEthicsQuickMB.pdf>

http://www.cno.org/globalassets/docs/prac/41001_documentation.pdf

https://www.rpnao.org/sites/default/files/PDFs/RN_RPN_Utilization_Toolkit-apr30.pdf

http://www.cno.org/globalassets/docs/prac/41006_profstds.pdf

<http://www.mb-phen.ca/files/PEthicsWorkbookMB.pdf>

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Related forms:

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