

# Ethical Issues in Rural Health Care

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- We usually think of the 'big' issues  
e.g. definition of life, what is a person, quality of life, prolonging life, ending life, human rights.
- But day to day ethical issues can involve:
  - Respecting people
  - Treating people with dignity
  - Treating people fairly
  - Supporting patient's choices
- These 'principles' are encompassed in the NMC code
- The code is a useful source of ethical principles in health care

Areas considered include rural mental health care, issues of quality and medical errors, building networks to allow for bioethical education and consultation, and rural geriatrics. One of the most provocative contributions is Elizabeth Thomas' analysis of the ethical implications of welfare reform for rural health. Common ethical issues that are strongly influenced by the rural context include the following. Confidentiality. Truth telling. Shared decision making. Boundary issues and professional patient relationship. Cultural and personal values. Limited resources and access to quality care. Patient's inability to pay for care. Rural healthcare context - Rural ethics resources - Conclusion: a rural ethics. We focused on five primary challenges faced by rural providers: patient access to health care, patient confidentiality, health care decision-making, patient-caregiver relationships, and issues surrounding stigmatizing illnesses. Abstract - INTRODUCTION - METHOD - RESULTS. This volume initiates a much-needed conversation about the ethical and policy concerns facing health care providers in the rural United States. Although The Journal of Rural Health. Explore this journal > The Journal of Rural Health Previous article in issue: Recruiting and Retaining Physicians in Very Rural. Ethical Issues in Rural Health Care. Authors. Mark K. Huntington MD, PhD, FAAFP. Center for Family Medicine, East Twentieth Street, Sioux Falls, SD. The National Rural Bioethics Project (NRBP) has sought for nearly a decade to better understand the specific ethical problems and questions of health care in. One quarter of the US population live in areas designated as rural. Delivery of rural health care can be difficult with unique challenges including limited access to. The handbook includes an introduction to rural health care ethics, common ethics issues in rural communities and further resources on rural ethics. It is authored. Craig M. Klugman and Pamela M. Dalinis (eds.), Ethical Issues in Rural Health Care. Baltimore, Maryland: The Johns Hopkins University Press. the authors of Rural Health Care Ethics: A Manual for Trainers are pleased to grant .. Despite the unique character of rural ethics issues there are limited ethics. To better understand the available publications addressing ethical issues in rural health care we sought to identify the ethics literature that specifically focuses. Relatively few articles discuss the ethical issues that accompany healthcare in rural areas. This article presents and discusses the key findings obtained from. Ethics challenges long have been recognized as a common phenomenon in health care. Less recognized is how the geographical context. To investigate differences in the experiences of rural versus non-rural clinicians, we surveyed caregivers in New Mexico and Alaska regarding ethical aspects of. medical ethics and rural health care ethical issues in rural practice, we also The Rural Sector in Medicine. The Ethical. Dilemmas of a Rural. Physician. This volume initiates a much-needed conversation about the ethical and policy concerns facing health care providers in the rural United States.

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