



## Introduction:

The freedom to make choices is the right of every person.

We have, as health care consumers, become more knowledgeable and this awareness may lead us to question decisions made regarding our care.

The **Sun Country Health Region** recognizes the difficulty people have in making these complex health care decisions.

A multidisciplinary Ethics Support Service has been established to assist patients, clients, residents, families and health care professionals with these difficult choices.

## What is the Ethics Committee?

The Ethics Committee is comprised of health care professionals, community members including legal and pastoral representatives from Sun Country Health Region that meet on a regular basis.

## Ethics Committee Function:

- a) Act as a resource for clients, families, physicians and staff.
- b) Educate committee members, regional staff, physicians and others interested in health care ethics.
- c) Encourage open dialogue within the region and broader community concerning ethical issues.
- d) Act in a consultant role to the region on research activities with ethical implications that may include approval or denial of research projects.
- e) Help in the development of policies, procedures, rules and regulations for issues having ethical implications.
- f) Present information on ethics to the public.
- g) Evaluate information, cases, events brought before the committee and make recommendations about the same.
- h) Evaluate the functions of the committee on an annual basis.

## Who can access the Ethics Committee?

Any member of the public or health care staff in the Sun Country Health Region can receive assistance from the Committee upon request.

## How to access the Committee?

Requests may be made in writing by completing the attached Request for Ethics Support Service Form and sending it to the Sun Country Health Region Ethics Committee.

## Forward to:

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A request for consultation to the Ethics Committee is confidential.