



## Medical Ethics at the End of Life

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The end of life is both a beautiful and fragile time. With the advances in modern medicine, complexities of care, dynamic social influences and medical-ethical conflicts often are revealed during this time. As such, it is critical to discuss the four principles of medical ethics and how they intersect most frequently at the end of life. Additionally, it is important to understand that these types of conflicts permeate more than just the patient and their family, and they may, in fact, present conflicts for healthcare providers. We will discuss tools to support the resolution of medical-ethical conflicts to achieve a peaceful end of life.

### Following this presentation the participant will be able to:

- Know the four principles of medical ethics
- Learn common medical ethics concerns that present at the end of life
- Discuss the roles of healthcare professionals in both the escalation and de-escalation of medical ethical concerns
- Manage ethical conflicts when they present

- The Optimum Life CE series is a pre-recorded webcast.
- This program was submitted for approval to the following governing bodies and their required pre-approval statements listed below. The program is approved for CE credit when presented in the month listed.
- This activity has been submitted to the Ohio Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The Ohio Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (OBN-001-91).
- This program has been submitted (but not yet approved) for Continuing Education for 1.0 hour from NAB/NCERS.
- This activity is pending approval from the National Association of Social Workers.
- This program has been submitted to The Commission for Case Manager Certification for approval to provide board certified case managers with 1.0 hour.
- Brookdale Senior Living Inc. is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0221.
- This course is approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative.
- Call (312) 977-3711 for more information about contact hours.

