(A) Policy Statement

Clinical Nutrition staff involved in direct patient care shall be aware of potential for ethical questions and conflicts relating to that care.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To ensure that clinical staff understand potential ethical situations and are able to demonstrate competency in the following areas:

- Conflict/Dilemma Resolution
- Advance Directives (OBRA) Patient Self Determination Act
- Withholding/Withdrawing Medical Care
- Care at End of Life

(C) Procedure

1. Dietitians/Technicians are knowledgeable about how the hospital addresses care at the end of life.
2. Nutritional care documentation indicates that family participates in nutritional care decisions when appropriate.
3. Refer to Hospital Administration policy on refusal of life sustaining treatments (3364-100-45-01).