

# Ethical Standards/Issues: Are They Relevant to Quality Patient Care?

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## ABSTRACT

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Ethical standards/issues are sensitive matters which could mean either a life or death situation. This study involves issues like abortion, contraception, euthanasia and sanctity (holiness) of family life. It aims to determine if ethical standards/issues are relevant to quality patient care. Ethical issues can be divisive but a healthcare professional or worker does not have to be a Catholic or Christian in order to understand that one has to be always in favor of life, of human life. Any person for that matter has the natural moral law or the law imprinted in the heart and mind which enables one to do good and avoid evil, to choose what is morally right against what is morally wrong. For what is really important? To save one's life but lose it in the end or to lose one's life but save it in the end.

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