

W006-03 - ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN DAILY CLINICAL PRACTICE

This presentation will use a number of anonymised real case examples to inform a discussion of ethical dilemmas in daily clinical practice. The context for discussion will be set by a brief review of the types of adverse behaviors and outcomes that doctors might experience.

Doctors often worry about ethical issues, and these can be a major source of stress. Even worse, poorly managed ethical dilemmas can lead to complaints, investigation, litigation and other potentially adverse outcomes.

Yet at the heart of such challenging situations sits a patient - a real person and their family.

Ethical dilemmas will be reviewed that deal with issues such as:

- poorly performing doctors - exploitation and abuse - limited resources - confidentiality