



# Ethics and Palliative Care (an introduction)

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***WHY ETHICS MATTERS?***



# Ethical dimensions of Palliative Care



- Why Palliative care?
- When to involve palliative care?
- Palliative Care and Interprofessional Teams.
- Patient Rights and Responsibilities
- decision-making issues.
- Communications
- Resources and costs
- Futility
- Withholding and Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Treatment
- Assisted Death

## ➤ **Organizational and policy Ethics**



# Informed Consent

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- Capacity**
- Disclosure**
- Voluntariness**

# PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS

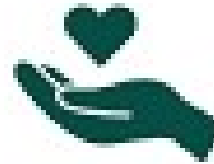
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**AUTONOMY**



**BENEFICENCE**



**NONMALEFICENCE**



**JUSTICE**





# Confidentiality & Privacy



# Euthanasia



# 4 Box Method – Facilitating Ethical and Legal Practice

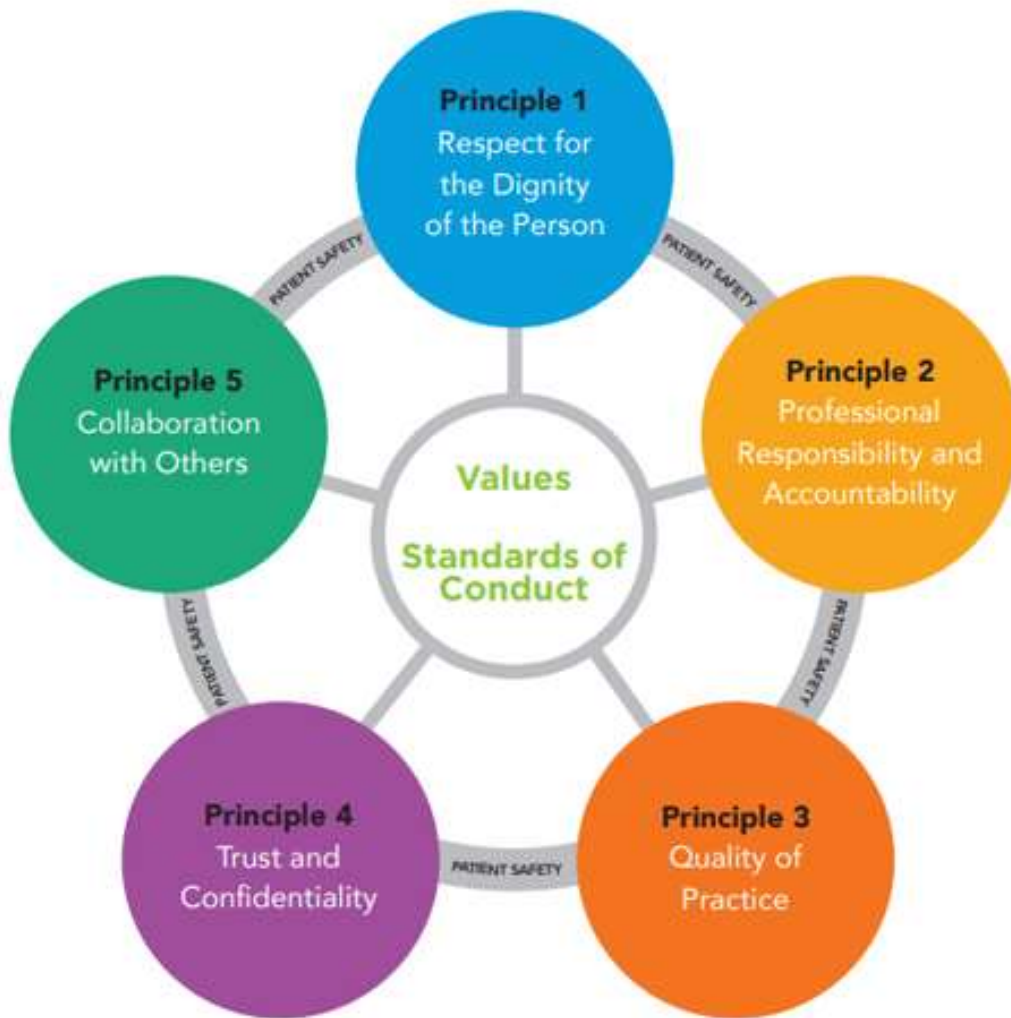
Clinical  
Indications

Patient  
Preferences

Quality of Life

Contextual  
Features

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*These days & Palliative care*







## Palliative care and the COVID-19 pandemic



Palliative care services are under-resourced at the best of times. The 2017 Lancet Commission on Palliative Care and Pain Relief described the widespread lack of access to inexpensive and effective interventions as a travesty of justice. And these are not the best of times. As health systems become strained under COVID-19, providing care, including end-of-life care, might have to be even more difficult.

www.thelancet.com Vol 395 April 11, 2020

Fabrizio Villa

Some doctors, stressed and overwhelmed, might have to choose who can receive critical care and who cannot. For patients who don't survive, high-quality palliative care needs to be available.

heightened risk from COVID-19, running short, and surging demand for service provision. WHO has issued guidance on health services during the pandemic, including maternal care, emergency services, and others, but palliative care is not mentioned.

## COVID-19: guidance on palliative care from a European Respiratory Society international task force

Eur Respir J 2020; 56: 2002583

Health Scope. 2020 August; 9(3):e103727.

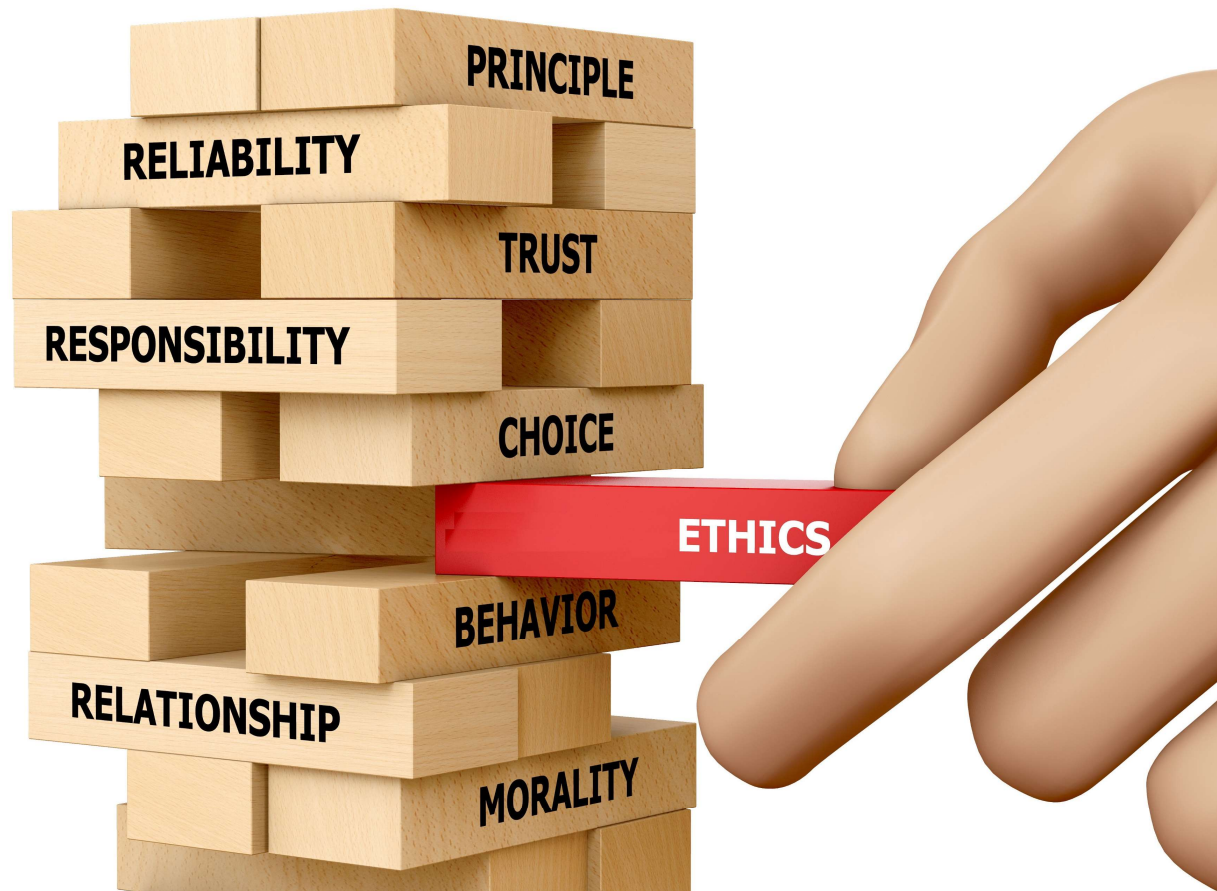
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Letter



## The Need for Palliative Care During COVID-19 Pandemic in Iran; a Letter to Editor



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