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Principles of Biomedical Ethics. Seventh Edition. Tom L. Beauchamp and James F. Childress. New to this Edition: Clarified and tightened the account of the common morality and its distinction from both particular moralities and the broad descriptive use of the term "morality" in Chapter 1, "Moral Norms".

Human subjects should not be harmedâ€”Nonmaleficence. Research should maximize possible benefitsâ€”Beneficence, and minimize possible harmsâ€”Nonmaleficence. Assessment of Risks and Benefits

1. The nature and scope of risks and benefits. The systematic assessment of risks and benefits. Justice The benefits and risks of research must be distributed fairly. Selection of Subjects There must be fair procedures and outcomes in the selection of research subjects both individually and socially. Principlism as a practical approach[edit] Principlism has evolved into a practical approach for ethical decision-making that focuses on the common ground moral principles of autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice. The practicality of this approach is that principlism can be derived from, is consistent with, or at the very least is not in conflict with a multitude of ethical, theological, and social approaches towards moral decision-making. This pluralistic approach is essential when making moral decisions institutionally, pedagogically, and in the community as pluralistic interdisciplinary groups by definition cannot agree on particular moral theories or their epistemic justifications. However, pluralistic interdisciplinary groups can and do agree on intersubjective principles. In the development of a principlistic moral framework it is not a necessary condition that the epistemic origins and justifications of these principles be established. Rather the sufficient condition is that most individuals and societies, would agree that both prescriptively and descriptively there is wide agreement with the existence and acceptance of the general values of autonomy, nonmaleficence, beneficence, and justice. Specifying and balancing[edit] Once these principles have been established the practical activity then becomes that of specifying how the principles are to be used in specific situations and balancing the principles with the other competing moral principles. Dilemmatic decision-making is not unusual when making pluralistic social decisions. Principlism, presented as a formal criterion, is a description and prescription of moral decision-making with a deep and rich heritage that has yet to be formalized for pluralistic interdisciplinary groups. However, since most moral decision-making ultimately use this approach, in one form or another, moral decision making in pluralistic environments is possible as Principlism descriptively describes how people do in fact make moral decisions and prescriptively prescribes how people ought to act based on the intersubjective agreements of common morality. Instead of focusing on the epistemic differences of various philosophical and religious perspectives, Principlism focuses on the intersubjective agreements, and that is why it works so effectively in interdisciplinary pluralistic environments. Principlism could be modified by adding or subtracting certain component principles yet practically the four principles of autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice are broad and comprehensive enough to sufficiently cover most cases and will provide the necessary output power for making interdisciplinary moral decisions. Incommensurable beliefs[edit] Even though pluralistic groups will in large part have shared universal valuesâ€”Principlism, it is still clearly recognized that there is and will be incommensurable beliefs as to how the specification and balancing procedures found in the principlistic approach ought to be implemented. Certainly, Principlism does not claim to be able to solve all moral dilemmas caused by conflicts of beliefs, yet Principlism, without a doubt, has tremendous output power for practicing interdisciplinary moral decision-making. Unified approach[edit] Principlism is unified approach in that each moral principle seems to converge into each of the other three principles. For example, it can be argued that Principlism, as a comprehensive moral approach, is just another term for justice. To the extent that justice is socially valued because of how it effectively establishes autonomy, nonmaleficence, and beneficence, both personally and socially, it can be argued that Principlism only needs its fourth principleâ€”justice, in order to fulfill its moral function. However, this argument can also be made with regards to each of the four principles as each

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principle seems to be able to include each of the other three principles. Personal autonomy results in the maximization of personal benefits—beneficence and the minimization of personal burdens—nonmaleficence within a legitimate social structure—justice. Likewise, nonmaleficence is maximized, by maximizing autonomy, beneficence, and justice and beneficence is maximized, by maximizing autonomy, nonmaleficence, and justice. The fact that each of the four principles can be argued to be the supreme moral principle further validates the Principlistic approach towards moral decision-making. In other words, Principlism is a unified moral approach in which the addition of each principle strengthens the legitimacy of each of the other principles to the extent that each principle is specified and balanced using independent criteria and yet each principle still supports each of the other principles. Science illustrates the importance and necessity of such unification. For example, if several academically distinct fields converge on a unified position that would generally give more credence towards that position. On the other hand, if one academic discipline has a hypothesis that contradicts several or all of the other academic disciplines, then that would be reason either to reject that hypothesis or at least to give it some pause. One example of such unification would be the comparison of evolution vs. Creationism, on the other hand, is based on the non-academic discipline of religious faith and is not supported by any of the empirical academic disciplines. As a result, creationism does not have the same academic stature as evolution and is therefore not considered as a plausible option by any of the empirical or rational academic disciplines. Of course academic sciences are by definition limited to empirical and rational discourses and some knowledge is clearly not of that category. For example, intersubjective experiences of sense data such as: However, since creationism claims to be an academic empirical conclusion, then it is legitimate to hold creationism to academic standards of universal academic consistency. Principlism validates itself with its universally recognized moral principles of autonomy, nonmaleficence, beneficence, and justice. These principles are distinct moral attributes that converge and unifies moral decision-making even within pluralistic environments. Goal of moral decision-making[edit] The goal in moral decision-making is ultimately to specify and balance each of the four principles recognizing that there is no set hierarchical order of principles in that one or more moral principle may override one or more other moral principles depending on the circumstances. Specifying is the narrowing down or making the broad moral principles relevant for a particular decision and balancing is the attempt to maximize, as much as possible, all of the contributing or competing moral principles. The following is an approach that can be used towards applying Principlism to a particular case. Obligation of others to provide something 1. Subject, guardian, or social institutions 2. Obligation of others to not interfere 1. Relate to negative and positive rights if relevant i. If the document is not signed then the services are usually not provided b. What personal and social rights need to be considered? Obligation s of others for preventing or alleviating a harm 2. Obligation s of others to not interfere in a potential or actual harm b. Obligations of others for providing a potential or actual benefit 2. Obligations of others to not interfering in a potential or actual benefit b. Personal Rights and Liberties as provided by the State, Federal, or International social structures 2. Political Rights and Liberties as provided by the State, Federal, or International social structures ii. How do the above issues relate to positive rights obligations of others to provide and negative rights obligations of others to not interfere? How many of the four principles are relevant for this case? In this particular case, which principles are most influential and why? Is it possible to maximize most or all of the four principles or do one or more of them override one or more of the others and why? CONCLUSION Summarize the specification and balancing within each of the four principles and then summarize the reasoning behind the balancing of the four principles and present the reasons why the chosen moral decision would have a higher probability of accomplishing the balancing end rather than some other decision. Source of material[edit] For detailed discussion of Principlism please refer to the article by Jeffrey W. Bulger in "Teaching Ethics" Vol. Bibliography[edit] Tom L. Beauchamp and James F. Principles of Biomedical Ethics, 6th Edition. Oxford University Press, Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum.

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View large Download slide This book has to be one of the most important and influential books in the field of bioethics. Now in its seventh edition, over the past 35 years, the authors have tried to keep the text up to date with developments in the field; strengthening their arguments, addressing issues raised by critics and taking account of newly published material on the topics covered. In this, the authors have been largely successful and although the book follows the basic structure of the sixth edition, the revisions are not insignificant. The book is set out in three parts. However, what matters most in the moral life is not just an adherence to moral rules but having a reliable character, a good moral sense and an appropriate emotional responsiveness. Chapter 2, therefore, specifically concentrates on moral virtues, moral character, moral ideals and moral excellence. Specifically for health professionals, compassion, discernment, trustworthiness, integrity and conscientiousness are seen as being the five focal virtues. This then leads to a chapter on moral status, discussing why we have obligations to some individuals and not others, and which beings have rights and which do not. The mid section of the book, and by far the larger part, devotes itself to each of the four moral principles—respect for autonomy, non-maleficence, beneficence and justice—providing valuable discussion illustrated by numerous examples derived from clinical practice. The final chapter in Part II of the book then shows how the four principles can be put to use in an interpretation and appraisal of rules of veracity, privacy, confidentiality and fidelity with specific attention to professional—patient relationships. New to this edition is a welcome section on clinical ethics and research ethics and how the distinction between these has affected thinking about professional ethics. Indeed, three of the principles, respect for autonomy, beneficence and justice, have become the specific requirements for regulating research: Principlism does not, of itself, set out to be a comprehensive ethical theory, instead being a set of principles that are shared and can be justified by a range of existing ethical theories. In the final part of the book, comprising two chapters, the authors examine ethical theory and method in ethics. Specifically, they consider four influential theories—Utilitarianism, Kantianism, Rights theory and Virtue ethics—and how these cast light on important aspects of moral thinking in the biological and medical sciences. Overall, therefore, the four principles are just that—principles. Indeed, the authors have always argued that competing moral considerations validly override respect for autonomy under many conditions: Finally, in addition to the book itself, there is now also a companion website that includes suggestions on how the book may be used effectively in an educational context with questions on each chapter to assess understanding, additional reading, useful exercises and cases for discussion. Overall, the authors have expanded their arguments and discussion in the field of bioethics maintaining this as one of the most important texts in the field. It is essential reading for anyone with an interest in bioethics; for occupational health professionals, it is a book that should be accessible on the library shelf. For Permissions, please email:

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