Ethics

A set of Principles relating to what is morally right or wrong.

- A standard of conduct or a code of behavior
- A chance for the provider to analyze information and make decisions based on what they feel is right

- Can you think of dilemma's this causes in modern day health care?
  ◦ Examples: euthanasia for certain patients, life support, denying services if a patient can't pay

Ethics provides:

- Although they vary depending on facility most contain same basic principles:
  - Put the saving of life and the promotion of health above all else
  - Make every effort to make patients comfortable
  - Respect the patients choices
  - Treat all patients equally
  - Stay informed and pursue continuing education

Ethical Codes

- Maintain confidentiality
- If you observe illegal actions report to authorities
- Show loyalty avoid negative comments
- Be Sincere, honest, and caring

Ethical codes Cont.

- Perform only those procedures for which you have been trained and are legally permitted to do
- Use approved, correct methods while performing procedures
- Obtain proper authorization before performing any procedures
- Identify the patient and obtain the patients consent before performing any procedure.

Performance Standards

- Observe all safety precautions
- Keep all information confidential
- Think before you speak and carefully consider what you say
- Treat all patients equally
- Don't accept tips or bribes for the care you provide
- If any error occurs or you make a mistake report it immediately

Standards Continued

- Behave professionally in dress, language, manners, and actions

- Follow these procedures at all times you can protect yourself, your employer, and the patients
- Be prepared for mistakes to happen errors leading to legal action sill do occur

Standards Cont.

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsvxAFvSgTI
- Hulu
  - Octomom clip

Ethical Video