



## **Defense Health Agency (DHA) Clinical Communities Speaker Series**

### **October 2021 CCSS: Promising Practices in Military Health Care**

#### **S06: Moral Reasoning in Seven Questions**

##### **Resource List**

The MHS embraces the principles of professional ethics of America's health care professions whose members are represented in the Military Services. [A Code of Ethics for Military Medicine](#) (2020) was developed by health care professional organizations who recognize the responsibility to patients first and foremost and to society. This code of ethics is a guide to decision making for varying health care professionals. Please review this resource for more information.

[The World Health Organization-Global Health Ethics: Key Issues](#) (2020) document aims to assist policy-makers, health care providers and researchers to understand key concepts in health ethics and to identify basic ethical questions surrounding health and health care. It illustrates the challenges of applying ethical principles to global public health. Healthcare professionals will view this information and obtain practical strategies for dealing with those challenges in their professional and clinical environments.

[Pandemic Disease, Public Health and Ethics](#) (2019) provides an overview of the salient ethical issues involved in preparing for and responding to pandemic disease. It draws upon ethical guidance derived from prominent ethical frameworks developed to address these ethical issues, situates the discussion in terms of the global governance of pandemic disease, and concludes by discussing some pressing challenges that must be addressed if ethical reflection is to make a meaningful difference in pandemic preparedness and response.

[The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine](#) (2020) *An Examination of Emerging Bioethical Issues in Biomedical Research – A Workshop* is a timely and relevant public workshop that brought together stakeholders to discuss potential bioethical issues that may arise from new and emerging trends in biomedical research and society. Speakers at the workshop described the state of the emerging science and potential pressing, recurring, emerging, and/or anticipated future bioethical issues in biomedical research and society that fall within the scope of the research and policy activities of the National Institutes of Health. Although not focused on moral reasoning, these tools can assist healthcare providers in establishing a framework for practicing healthcare in an ethically sound and morally reasonable context.



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