Applied Ethics in Nursing

Designed to offer practical advice on ethical issues to nursing students and practicing nurses, Applied Ethics in Nursing presents suggestions for managing ethical issues in an array of clinical settings and organizational encounters.

Applied Ethics in Nursing provides an easily understandable guide to the kind of ethical dilemmas you face in practice. Using a question-and-answer format along with numerous case studies, this text offers best practices and strategies for approaching the difficult problems commonly found in clinical practice.

* What constitutes “informed consent”?
* What can I do if the patient lacks the capacity to make decisions?
* How should I respond to a patient who requests my help in dying?
* What is the rationale for giving a patient medication (chemical restraints) against his or her will?
* What exactly are “patient’s rights” and how does one advocate for one’s patients?

This book also addresses organizational and institutional issues that can confound or promote ethically sound decision making. Each chapter ends with a resource list of websites and recommendations for further reading. The American Nurses’ Association Code of Ethics for Nurses is used as a guide throughout, along with standards and guidelines from other major healthcare and governmental organizations.