This booklet contains information about important decisions you may need to make regarding your child’s treatment at Bradley Hospital. If after reading this brochure you would like to contact a member of the Bradley Hospital Ethics Committee and you need an interpreter, please call (401) 432-1000.

Este folleto contiene información sobre importantes decisiones que usted necesita tomar con respecto a su cuidado de salud y tratamientos. Llame al (401) 432-1000 y pida un intérprete para que lo ayude a leer este folleto.

Esta brochura contem informaçoes sobre decisões importantes que precisa fazer sobre os seus planos e tratamentos de saúde. Se precisar da ajuda de uma interprete para ler esta brochura telefone para o numero (401) 432-1000.

В этой брошюре содержится информация, касающаяся принятия важнейших решений по вопросам вашего здоровья и лечения. Вы можете попросить, чтобы переводчик помог вам перевести содержание брошюры, если позвоните по тел. (401) 432-1000.

Bradley Hospital’s Ethics Committee
Is here to help you

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About the Ethics Committee

Bradley Hospital’s Ethics Committee can help you, your physician and other caregivers make decisions about your child’s care when you are uncertain about the “right” thing to do for your child and your family.

The Ethics Committee can help you work through ethical issues, including confidentiality, informed consent, cultural differences and patient and family rights.

A list of patient and family rights and responsibilities can be found throughout the hospital, in the lobby and on each unit.

The Ethics Committee is a group of community and hospital professionals who provide consultation, discussion and advice regarding the ethical aspects of a patient’s care. They also help educate staff about ethical issues and, when requested, review the ethical aspects of hospital policies.

The committee may include doctors, nurses, social workers, educators, direct care staff, psychologists, family liaison representatives, parents, community representatives, trustees and senior administrators.

A resource for you and your family

Committee members have practical experience in helping families and staff with difficult questions that may arise during treatment.

Any family member, patient, or staff may make a request for consultation. The Ethics Committee is a resource that is offered free of charge. All consultations are confidential.

How the committee works

If you ask for help, the committee will:

• Listen to your concerns and gather information about your situation;

• Discuss with you the ethical questions raised to help you, your family and your doctor make decisions with sensitivity to the moral, legal, cultural, spiritual and personal issues that concern you.

The committee will not make decisions for you or impose decisions on you, nor will it tell your doctor how to proceed.

When to call the Ethics Committee

If after working with your doctor, other caregivers and/or the Bradley Hospital family liaison, there are still unresolved questions, you may request a consultation with the Ethics Committee by calling (401) 432-1000.

For more information about the Ethics Committee or other family resource services offered by Bradley Hospital, please call (401) 432-1205.