

Case Study 1 for Week 2

▶ An Innovative Vaccine

- You are an RN on an oncology ward of a major urban hospital. You have just finished reading a paper on a successful new vaccine for metastatic breast cancer. The vaccine uses an individual's own tumor-fighting immune cells for treatment. Good efficacy and low side effects.
- The hospital has been able to acquire 2 doses of the vaccine. More doses are 6 months away. There are 20 patients with this cancer who could benefit from the vaccine.
- The oncologist has ordered the doses to be given to the youngest patient and another who is clearly financially well off. Both have insurance. You have a friend with no insurance who was excluded.
- You have asked for an Ethics Committee consult?
- What will you say at the meeting?

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What is your instinctive response? What shapes your decision?

What are two consequences that you need to consider that result from your instinct?.

Gather any facts available to you

Who are the primary characters/institutions? Stakeholders?

What is the Key Ethical Issue.

(Frame ONE key issue that you think is most important as a completing claim between two parties:

(Should the first party do something or should the second party do something else?)

What are the specific tensions, principles, or rights that are in tension?

What is your Plan of Action?
