

On Context & Moral Junctions in Psychology: Beyond the standard 'Clinical-Ethical-Legal'



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Differentiate:

- * **Clinical:** Orientation/s
- * **Ethical:** Codes of Ethics – Enforceable-Legal
Preamble & Gen. Principles are not enforceable
- * **Legal:** Federal & State Laws - Lic. Boards
- * **Moral:** Right v. Wrong or Good v. Bad



Identify:

Standard of Care Definition:

The qualities and conditions which prevail, or should prevail, in a particular mental health context - setting that a prudent practitioner follows



Consider:

Context:

- **Location** – Patient – Online/In-Person
- **Setting** - Therapeutic Orientations
- Therapist - **Culture** – Language




10 Sample Topics Covered:

Is it ever Ethical or Moral

for a Psychologist or M. H. Clinician to bring about:

1. Clients' **death** in the 'next' battle?
2. **Execution** of death-row inmates?
3. **Torture** of 'war' prisoners?
4. Denial of **civil liberties** to sex offenders?
5. **Deportation** of immigrants from the US?
6. Denial of **life saving** organ transplants to 'receivers'?
7. Increased prisoners' risk of **abuse** or **death**?
8. Increased probability of **patients' suicide**?
9. Denying peoples' wish to '**End their Life**' option?
10. Denying info & support for **women patients seeking abortion**?



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- ❖ Here comes 10 slides, including 10 video clips on each of the 10 (sample) topics of this course

Final Words:

-> Think **Context**

-> Contemplate (true) **Ethics**

-> Consider your Own **Moral Stance**

Morality is, now, added to the process of
Clinical – Legal - Ethical decision making

