

Ethical Infection Prevention and Control (EIPAC) Decision-Making Framework

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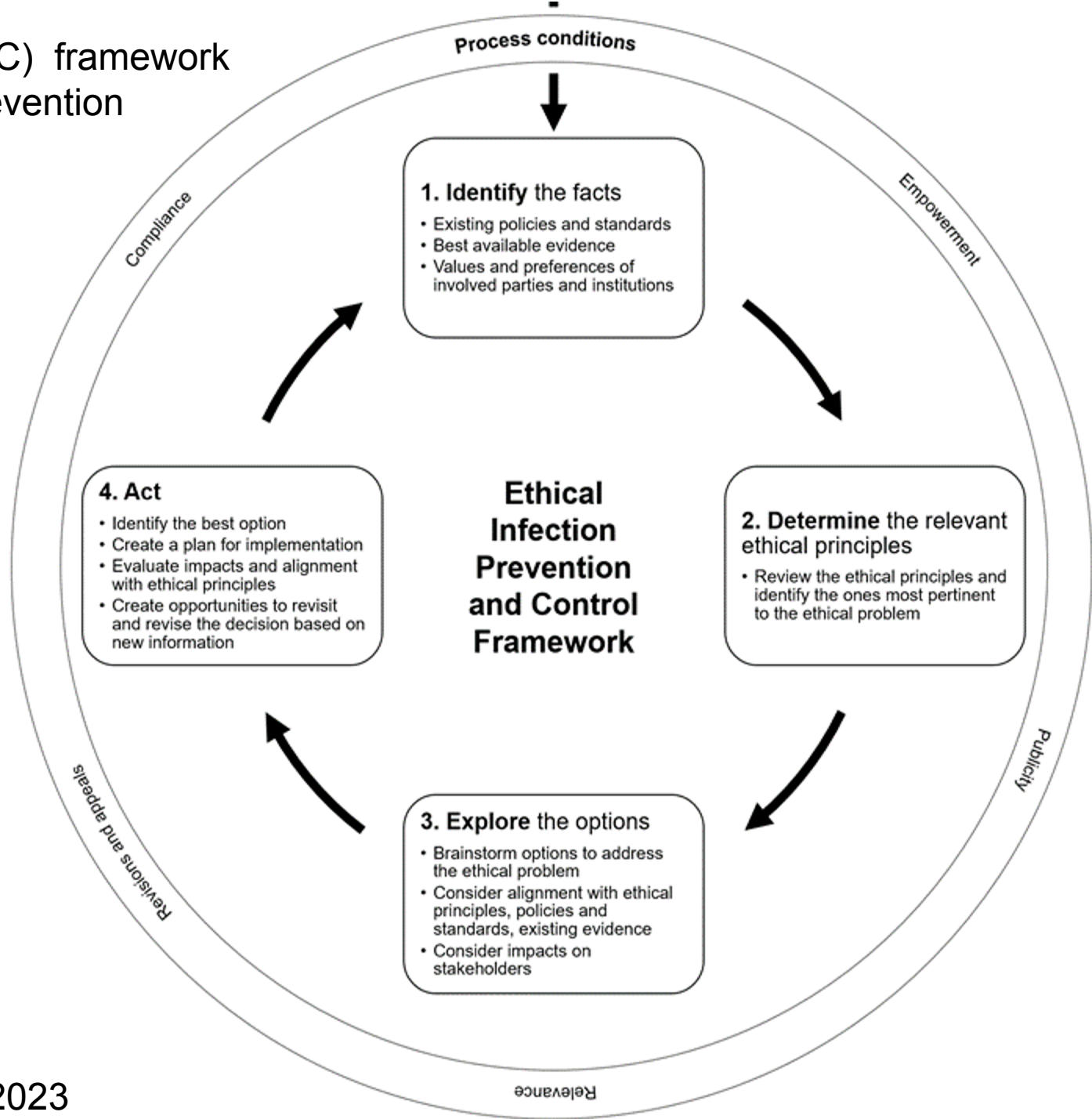
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Examples of ethical issues

Restricting visitation and suspending activities during outbreaks
Restricting visitation for patients in precautions
Cohorting when bed moves are not available
Mandatory vaccination and masking

Ethical Infection Prevention and Control(EIPAC) framework
A partnership between APIC and Infection Prevention
and Control Canada (IPAC)



Case Examples Shared

100th birthday party for LTCH resident. The day before the party there is a Noro Virus outbreak on unit. The resident is asymptomatic

New nerve block kits for shoulder cases. Clinical team unaware that outer packaging is non-sterile and they have placed them on the field. Anesthesiologists in sterile attire contact non –sterile packaging which goes unnoticed for 1 month impacting 500 patients. They need to decide between non- disclosure with passive surveillance, non-disclosure with active surveillance or disclosure to all affected patients.

Stem cell transplant unit has three private rooms with dedicated bathroom that are vacant Leadership would like to consider using these rooms for ED admissions. They consider unrestricted admissions, no admissions or admissions with screening

Consider using the EIPAC framework as a decision-making tool

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An ethical framework adapted for infection prevention and control

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