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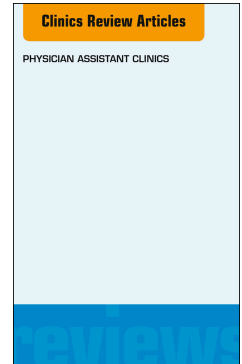
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**SYNOPSIS/ABSTRACT:**

Ethical considerations are an important aspect to the physician assistant's clinical work in oncology. Separate from legal implications, ethical deliberation involves considering the best moral course of action for a patient, with the goal of providing optimal interdisciplinary care. This article investigates key ethical issues pertaining to physician assistant care of the oncology patient.

**KEY WORDS:**

- Ethics/Bioethics
- Values
- Treatment refusal
- Moral distress
- Surrogate decision making
- Non-beneficial therapy
- Parental permission/assent

**KEY POINTS:**

- The physician assistant (PA) has a unique role within the interdisciplinary care team and is required to provide comprehensive care for the oncology patient.
- The quantity of time the PA spends providing clinical care for the oncology patient allows the PA access to particular knowledge of the patient's medical condition and social/religious/cultural values.
- Because of the complex nature of cancer care and the diverse needs of the oncology patient, the PA will often encounter ethical dilemmas while providing care for the cancer patient.
- The PA would benefit from knowledge about common ethical dilemmas encountered in the care of the oncology patient and about approaches pertaining to ethical deliberation.

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