

# Bioethics Decision-Making Model

Articulate the dilemma. This may be phrased as a statement or question, but should summarize the problem clearly and succinctly. List at least 10 legal, medical, and social facts about the issue.

Identify the who and what will be affected by your decision. Who has a vested interest in the outcome? Think of as many stakeholders as possible including non-human entities like the environment, and past or future stakeholders who will be affected.

Identify the values that play a role in the decision. What values do you have that will affect your decisions? What about the values of society? What are the legal implications, if any? Describe the moral, legal, and social concerns others may have.

Present possible solutions and describe each one. Include ALL options even those you don't agree with. Rank the possible solutions from best to worst. Choose the one which seems to make most sense to you as an individual.

Explain WHY your choice seems like the best. What personal values are involved in making this decision? Are you entirely satisfied with this choice? Why or why not? Will others be happy with your choice and why? Refer back to the rest of your sheet for help in the decision.