



The *EthicsLab Essentials* provides a core curriculum designed to enrich ethics committee members through a podcast and website format. A podcast format was chosen due to its easy accessibility and learning schedule flexibility for the listener

Episode: Undocumented Patients: Two Journeys

Description:

We hear many stories these days about immigration. Certainly, healthcare workers see undocumented individuals in Emergency Rooms or clinics. What is that experience like of being undocumented and needing healthcare? What would be helpful for clinicians to know? Does healthcare ethics have something to say on this topic? Today we hear from two healthcare leaders on these issues. One, who was an undocumented person and who later became a physician in the United States, and the other is the healthcare leader who supported her journey.

Process:

Have your ethics team members listen to this podcast prior to your regular ethics committee meeting. Then, at your meeting facilitate a discussion and application of the episode around the following questions.

Facilitation Questions:

1. What are some common misconceptions clinicians might have about undocumented immigrants?
2. How does a patient's immigration status impact the clinical encounter? What role does fear play in the lives of undocumented patients? What can our ethics committee do to address these fears or help caregivers address them?
3. What is sanctuary doctoring? How does it respond to the unique needs of patients with undocumented status? What communication changes can clinicians make become to sanctuary doctors?
4. What can we do in our ethics committees or during ethics consultations to care for patients with undocumented immigration status?