**Clinical Ethics Service referral form**

***Please type or write into this form***

Thank you for making a referral to the RCH Clinical Ethics Service in relation to your patient. Please provide patient details in header (double click) and the following brief information. We will contact you to arrange a meeting time.

**Please email all referrals to: bioethics@rch.org.au**

**You may also copy in individual Clinical Ethicists;**

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**For urgent support, please call the bioethics intake phone: 0478 281 449**

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1. **Date of referral:**

1. **Treating clinician and contact person *(if different)* – name and mobile phone number**
2. **Relevant Diagnosis:**
3. **Reason for referral:**

Brief summary of the current situation which prompted referral to clinical ethics and/or ethical questions/concerns identified by the treating team.

1. **Any other significant information about the family or circumstances (medical or social)**
2. **Timeframe : how soon is Clinical Ethics response needed**

 Please indicate any preferred days/times

1. **Type of clinical ethics consultation**

*If uncertain, choose “individual ethics consult” and we will advise further steps from there*

**7.1 Clinician ethics consultation**

   ***Clinical Ethics Response group meeting***

Formal clinical ethics consultation: meeting with members of the Clinical Ethics Response Group and members of the treating team, chaired by Clinical Ethicist, with full documentation

* ***Clinical ethics staff attend ward/clinic or MDT meeting re patient***

Members of the Clinical Ethics team attend a clinical, ward or unit meeting about the patient, with summary documentation

* ***Ethics debrief***

Facilitated discussion of an ethically challenging situation or event

* ***Individual ethics consult***

Clinician meets with Clinical Ethicist – confidential and not documented

 **7.2 Family ethics engagement**

 ***Pre-CERG engagement with family***

Member(s) of the clinical ethics team meet with parents and, where appropriate, the patient, to hear their concerns and perspectives prior to a CERG or MDT discussion

 ***Family ethics consultation (with or without CERG discussion)***

Family meets with a Clinical Ethicist to discuss their ethical concerns, their decision-making or moral distress.

 ***Clinical ethics mediation***

A clinical ethics facilitated discussion involving parents and clinician(s), to negotiate and address conflicts or misunderstandings about goals of care

1. **If Clinical Ethics Response Group meeting, list key medical, nursing and allied health from treating team/s needed at meeting:**