

Ethical Issues

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Forum participants differentiate between personal ethical issues at the level of clinical practice versus social and political issues and discuss what individuals and professional organizations can and should do.

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The Professional Practice Council of the AAPA met with a professional bioethicist for a discussion of the issues surrounding assisted suicide. Participants began by imagining a continuum along which lie degrees of provider involvement in a patient's death. At one end of the spectrum is the provision of every possible medical treatment and technology to sustain life; at the other end, what most people describe as "active euthanasia." The Council's discussion focused on how important it is for PAs to know where they stand on that continuum.

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Ms. Alexander cites AAPA policy and a 1987 *JAMA* editorial in encouraging PAs to assist other members in our communities and to contribute to an improved community.

Professional Practice Council of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. Guidelines for professional conduct. *J Am Acad Phys Assist* 1993;6(6):430-435.

The AAPA Professional Practice Council discusses practical applications of 14 principles delineated in the Code of Ethics. The principles in the Code of Ethics are standards governing the conduct of PAs in their professional interactions with patients, colleagues, other health professionals, and the public.

Professional Practice Council of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. PAs and the pharmaceutical industry. *J Am Acad Phys Assist* 1993;6(4):291-294.

This AAPA Professional Practice Council report addresses the individual PA and his or her relationship with the pharmaceutical industry. It addresses issues such as gifts, drug samples, educational and practice-related materials, clinical drug trials, and speaking at events sponsored by pharmaceutical companies. ■

