

## **Could good care mean withholding information from patients?**

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### **Project Summary**

In this project published in *AMA Journal of Ethics*, I discuss an ethical case involving a patient with terminal illness. I argue that physicians are not required to tell a patient about clinical trial options, as clinical trials are not designed to benefit the current patient, rather only future patients. However, a physician must understand the patient's values and their goals of care. Many patients are willing to undergo a clinical trial to benefit future patients, even at risk to themselves.

### **Action Items/Outcome**

Completed, published in *AMA Journal of Ethics*.

### **Conclusion/Reflection**

Under Patient and Family Centered Care, physicians develop a relationship with their patients and try to understand their values and goals of care in order to provide care that is best consistent with their patients' values.<sup>6</sup>