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Proposed title of paper: Is Clinical Ethics Consultation a Suitable Model for Public Health Ethics Consultation?

Abstract with 3 clearly stated objectives in 250 words:

Clinical ethics consultations have become an established mode of support for ethical decision making in personal health care, with more and more institutions offering this service provided either by a bioethicist or a consultation team. In contrast, public health practitioners do not have access to such advisory services. In addition, there are very few scholarly resources about the theory of consultations in public health, while the literature on clinical ethics consultations is voluminous. An argument can then be made that there is a need to provide ethics consultations in public health practice because ethical decisions in this field are just as complex as in the clinical setting and furthermore these decisions may profoundly affect not just an individual but whole communities. Public health differs in some significant ways from personal health care; hence, consultations in public health service have to reflect that.

The objectives of this paper are as follows: firstly, to show that it would be beneficial for public health practice to systematically utilize a process of ethical consultations; secondly, to identify which ethical consultation frameworks would lend themselves to a transference from the clinical to the public setting; thirdly, the paper will identify some differences and similarities of consultations in these two settings as concern goals, processes, required skill sets, public participation, conflicts of interests and outcome evaluation.

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