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COVID-19 Ethics Analysis: What is the Ethical Duty of Health Care Worker to Provide Care During COVID-19 Pandemic?

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<p>What's New?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) document from provincial COVID-19 task force • Addresses the health care provider's (HCP) ethical duty to care in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic <p>What is the Ethical Duty of Health Care Workers to Provide Care During COVID-19 Pandemic?</p>
<p>Why?</p>	<p>"Since the degree of potential harm to HCP can include serious morbidity and death, it is necessary to consider the degree to which HCPs have an ethical duty to care and the circumstances under which that duty can be discharged. The analysis does not, however, consider any legal or professional (i.e. regulatory and college) aspects." <i>(taken from page 2 of the document).</i></p> <p>The document contains the following sections: facts and information; ethical analysis; and recommendations (for the individual HCP, organizational-level leaders and system level leaders).</p>
<p>How does this affect my practice?</p>	<p>Accurate assessment of the facts, and assumptions, based on the best available information, are crucial in any analysis of the duties of HCP.</p>
<p>Who do I contact for further information?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak with program leaders (managers, directors, practice leaders) • Contact PHSA Ethics Lead: Alice Virani