

Week 4 - Discussion

No unread replies. 2 2 replies.

Your initial discussion thread is due on Day 3 (Thursday) and you have until Day 7 (Monday) to respond to your classmates. Your grade will reflect both the quality of your initial post and the depth of your responses. Refer to the Discussion Forum Grading Rubric under the Settings icon above for guidance on how your discussion will be evaluated.

Ethical, Social, and Legal Implications of Disclosure

Prior to beginning work on this discussion, be sure to read the required articles for this week. .

You are a consulting psychologist for a local clinic and have been asked to review an ethically complex case. Please review the [PSY699 Week four discussion case file \(Links to an external site.\)](#)Links to an external site. for detailed information on the case under review.

In your initial post, explain how the APA Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct can be used to guide decisions in this ethically complex situation. Provide a suggested course of action for the clinic staff. Given the daughter's age and the situation presented, integrate concepts developed from different psychological content domains to support your suggested course of action. Be certain to use evidence-based psychological concepts and theories to support your arguments. You may wish to consider the following questions as you construct your post.

- Does the daughter have a right to know her diagnosis?
- Does the mother have a right to not disclose the diagnosis to her daughter?
- Does the mother have a right to privacy regarding her own diagnosis, which could be threatened if her daughter learns of her own status?
- Should the staff tell the daughter if the mother does not want her to know?
- If the daughter wants to know more about her condition, what should the staff say?
- Are there other approaches the staff can take? If so, what are they?
- Is further information required in order for you to create an ethically sound suggested course of action?

Guided Response: Review several of your colleagues' posts and respond to at least two of your peers by 11:59 p.m. on Day 7 of the week. You are encouraged to post your required replies earlier in the week to promote more meaningful interactive discourse in this discussion.

Was the suggested course of action presented ethically sound based on the APA Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct? If so, how? If not, why not? Did your colleague consider the legal ramifications of the course of action he or she suggested? Were the arguments for

the suggested course of action supported by appropriate evidence-based psychological concepts and theories? What other resources might you suggest to your colleague that would inform the response to this case? Was the recommendation made culturally sensitive? What developmental issues did your colleague consider? What other issues might you suggest for further review in this case?

Continue to monitor the discussion forum until 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST) on Day 7 of the week and respond to anyone who replies to your initial post.