

Supplemental Digital Table 1

Patterns of Principles and Modifiers Evoked for Each Scenario Across Five Focus Groups of 40 Practicing Internists Discussing Professionalism Dilemmas, 2011*

Pattern	Scenario number [*]									
	1	2a	2b	2c	3	4	5	7	8	10
Composition of focus groups that discussed scenario[†]	PC office, Spec office, mixed	PC office, PC hosp	Spec hosp	Spec office, mixed	PC office, PC hosp, mixed	Spec office, Spec hosp	All	PC hosp, Spec hosp	All	Spec office, Spec hosp
Guiding principles evoked to explain decisions										
Patient welfare	0	1	5	12	18	17	7	3	4	8
Concern for colleagues	0	0	0	0	3	22	0	0	0	0
Confidentiality, privacy, or security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	12	0
Reimbursement, financial considerations	23	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	7	3
Time or efficiency	6	7	0	1	0	0	1	1	20	0
Availability, accessibility	14	0	0	0	12	2	5	0	33	0
Work-life balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	16	0
Accountability	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	14	0
Legality, regulations, policies	0	0	0	3	21	8	3	0	6	25
Transparency, informed choice	6	1	2	3	4	0	0	8	3	22
Follow or bend evidence-based medicine	0	12	19	13	0	0	0	0	1	0
Patient or not	1	2	0	0	0	0	48	0	19	0
Keeping patients happy	6	11	4	7	2	1	25	0	12	2
<i>Helpfulness or niceness[‡]</i>	1	2	1	4	0	1	25	0	10	0
<i>Protect or support practice or institution[‡]</i>	6	10	3	3	2	0	0	0	2	2

Fear of getting sued	0	0	1	7	2	0	8	0	1	0
Modifiers evoked to explain decision										
Relationship or role with colleague	0	0	0	0	10	18	0	0	0	0
Risk of danger or harm to patient	0	0	3	1	6	5	10	0	9	0
Relationship with patient	5	1	1	0	1	0	6	0	22	9
Type of patient	13	12	5	1	2	0	8	1	15	0
<i>Patients is compliant vs. challenging[‡]</i>	7	10	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
<i>Personality issues; whether the doctor likes or wants the patient vs. does not want or like him/her[‡]</i>	6	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	11	0
<i>Patient does vs. does not respect time and boundaries[‡]</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
<i>Patient with simple vs. complex problems[‡]</i>	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
<i>Extent to which doctor does vs. does not trust the patient[‡]</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Nature of illness, diagnosis, or problem	4	4	13	5	18	12	24	19	13	0
<i>Physical vs. mental or narcotic[‡]</i>	2	3	0	0	3	4	10	0	4	0
<i>Diagnosis or issue - serious vs. minor[‡]</i>	0	1	12	5	1	2	4	0	5	0
<i>Sensitivity or stigma of diagnosis[‡]</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0
<i>Urgency or acuity vs. chronicity[‡]</i>	1	0	2	0	7	6	10	10	3	0
<i>Complexity[‡]</i>	1	0	0	0	7	0	4	0	1	0
Familiarity or comfort with request	1	1	0	1	0	0	12	0	3	0
Number of codes arising in each scenario	105	82	77	68	122	98	236	79	250	71
Count corrected for no. times scenario used	35	41	77	34	41	49	47	39	50	36

* The authors selected and adapted the scenarios used in their study from a larger bank of developed scenarios, thus the numbering of the scenarios.

[†] PC = primary care physicians, Spec = specialist physicians, Office = ambulatory-based practice, Hosp = inpatient-based practice, Mixed = a group of primary care physicians, specialists, and physicians who work in either ambulatory or inpatient-based settings.

[‡] Italicized principles or modifies indicate a subtheme.

Supplemental Digital Table 2

Patterns of Interaction Between Guiding Principles and Modifiers That Emerged from Five Focus Groups of 40 Practicing Internists Discussing Professionalism Dilemmas, 2011

Guiding principles	Modifiers																
	Relationship or role with colleague	Risk of danger or harm to patient	Relationship with patient	Type of patient	Patient is compliant vs. challenging*	Personality issues; whether the doctor likes or vs. does not like or want him/her*	Patient does vs. does not respect time and boundaries*	Patient with simple vs. complex problems*	Extent to which doctor does or does not trust the patient*	Nature of illness, diagnosis, or problem	Physical vs. mental or narcotic*	Diagnosis or issue - serious vs. minor*	Sensitivity or stigma of diagnosis*	Urgency or acuity vs. chronicity*	Complexity*	Familiarity or comfort with request	
Patient welfare	4	10	4	5	1	2	0	2	0	18	4	5	0	4	6	1	
Concern for colleagues	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	
Confidentiality, privacy, or security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	9	10	0	0	
Reimbursement, financial considerations	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Time or efficiency	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	
Availability, accessibility	4	2	6	11	2	7	2	0	2	5	0	2	0	2	1	0	
Work-life balance	0	0	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Accountability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	0	2	
Legality, regulations, policies	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	2	0	2	2	0	
Transparency, informed choice	2	0	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	
Follow or bend evidence-based medicine	0	3	0	7	5	0	0	1	0	17	3	13	0	2	0	0	
Patient or not	0	7	10	6	0	5	0	1	0	17	8	3	1	6	2	8	
Keeping patients happy	1	4	9	12	6	5	0	1	1	4	2	2	0	1	0	4	
Helpfulness or niceness*	1	4	4	6	1	4	0	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	0	4	
Protect or support practice or institution*	0	0	5	6	5	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Fear of getting sued	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	

* Italicized principles or modifies indicate a subtheme.