How common are ethical dilemmas in dentistry? That is a very difficult question to answer as the perception and awareness of ethical issues varies with the individuals involved. No studies or evidence exists documenting the volume of problems. However, Boards of Dentistry often cite ethics as causative in cases considered by these agencies. Each situation involving human beings will be unique since each problem or dilemma will have distinguishing aspects. The scope and depth of ethical problems in the delivery of dental care will vary greatly. Discerning or being aware that an ethical issue is present is always the first step followed by defining the aspects of the problem. Every clinical situation has ethical aspects. Application of Decision-making Model in a Hypothetical Case. Basic Ethics in
Terrie Bruscino Health Science Editor: Megan Wright, RDH, MS. The teaching/learning method is effective. The answers to the test questions are appropriately covered in the course. How would you rate this course overall? Time to complete the entire course and the test?

Definitions of Ethical Principles Professionalism Ethical Decision Making Ethical Dilemmas in Dentistry Dentist/Patient Issues Ethical Issues in Dental Fees and Insurance Dentist and Colleague/Employee Issues Ethical Law Ethical Theories Application of Ethical Theories Conclusion References Course Test. The Dental Ethics Manual provides easy and enjoyable, yet educational, reading. The old adage of “when in doubt, it is probably not ethical” is a good personal guideline. The many practical examples in the Manual cover the wide scope of issues applicable to daily practice and will ensure that readers can relate to the situation and contemplate how they would and should handle similar situations in their work environment. Likewise, ethical questions in dentistry are not all equally challenging. Some are relatively easy to answer, mainly because there is a well-developed consensus on the right way to act in the situation (for example, the dentist should always obtain valid consent to treatment).