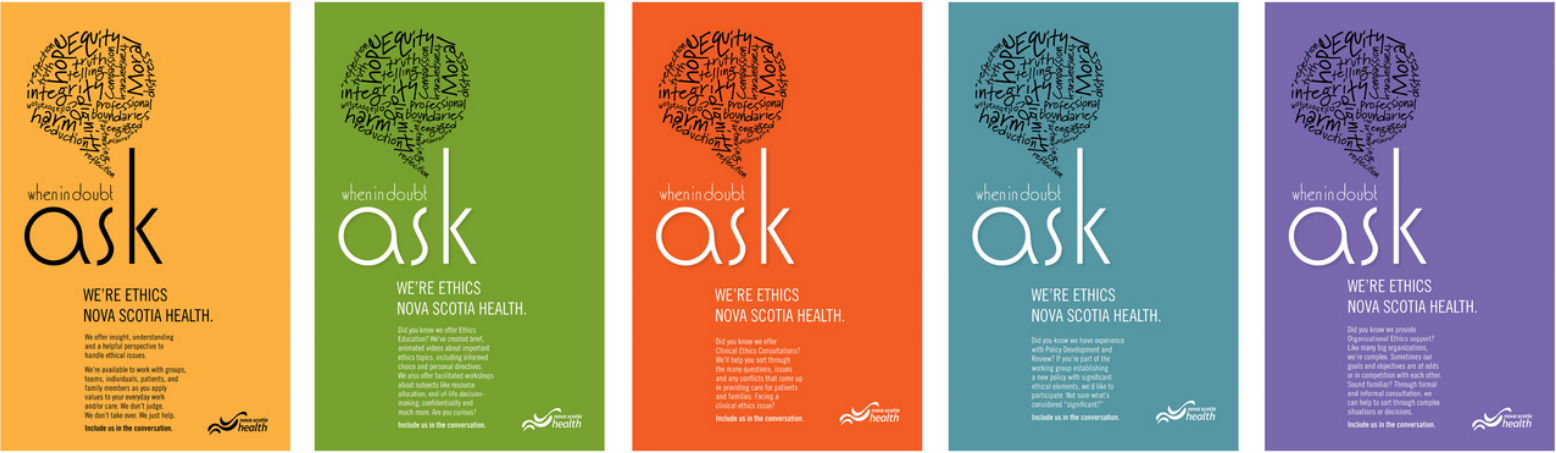


# ETHICS NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH

## 2023 Mid-Year Update

Ethics Nova Scotia Health provides support relating to clinical and organizational ethics issues.

Our tagline is:  
*When in doubt, ask.*



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## RELEASE OF NEW RESOURCES



**Making Health Care Decisions for Someone Else: Acting as a Substitute Decision-Maker** is an information guide for substitute decision-makers. Recognizing that many of the requests we receive relate to challenges with substitute decision-making, we collaborated with Legal Services to develop this resource. The pamphlet was published in February and is also available in **French**, **Arabic** and **Simplified Chinese**. Teams are encouraged to consider ordering print copies for distribution to families and substitute decision-makers where relevant. Instructions for ordering print copies are available [here](#).

*"Much needed, excellent resource! Will contribute to discussions with substitute decision-makers."*

We are currently developing a companion guide for health care providers about working with substitute decision-makers, and our goal is to publish it in early 2024. This document will provide additional information for health care providers to help address issues that have recurred in requests to Ethics Nova Scotia Health and Legal Services.

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## UPDATES TO EXISTING RESOURCES

In 2023, we made significant revisions to our **Ethics Tool: Help with Ethical Issues** a resource for patients and families grappling with ethically difficult situations. The tool contains a series of questions that patients and families can work through independently. This revised resource is also currently available in **French**. Translations of the revised tool into Arabic and Chinese are underway.



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