

DH 142 Ethics & Jurisprudence
Reflection #2

On February 24, be prepared to discuss the film "THE DOCTOR" as it relates to following tenets in the Dental Hygiene Code of Ethics

Under *Basic Beliefs*:

- **Individuals have intrinsic worth, are responsible for their own health, and are entitled to make choices regarding their health.**

Under *Core Values*:

- **Individual autonomy and respect for human beings**

People have the right to be treated with respect. They have the right to informed consent prior to treatment, and they have the right to full disclosure of all relevant information so that they can make informed choices about their care."

- **Veracity**

We accept our obligation to tell the truth and expect that others will do the same. We value self-knowledge and seek truth and honesty in all relationships.

Under *Standards of Professional Responsibility*

To Clients:

- Serve as an advocate for the welfare of clients
- Hold professional client relationships confidential
- Communicate with clients in a respectful manner
- Provide clients with the information necessary to make informed decision about their oral health and encourage their full participation in treatment decisions and goals

To Colleagues:

- Manage conflicts constructively
- Promote human relationships that are mutually beneficial, including those with other health care professionals.

To the Dental Hygiene Profession:

- Promote a positive image for our profession.

To the Community and Society:

- Recognize and uphold the laws and regulations governing our profession.
- Document and report inappropriate, inadequate, or substandard care and/or illegal activities by a health care provider, to the responsible authorities.

Guiding Questions for Reflection due Feb 24th:

What do you think about the value of Informed Consent I the Patient-Hygienist Relationship?

How do language patterns indicate whether the patient is viewed as an object or a partner in care? For example, Do health care providers perform a procedure *for* or *with* someone, or do they do it *to* someone?

If a healthcare provider views the patient as a partner in care, how do you think that would affect the patient's ability to complete preventative and therapeutic phases of care?