Conflicts and challenges ...

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- addressing performance of others perceived to be inappropriate.
- Literature reviews construct a more comprehensive classification of types of the ethical challenges. To present an adequate discussion of these challenges, postgraduate orthodontic programs should consider appropriate and problem-specific training for the orthodontic resident.
- An appropriate ethics curriculum, necessarily constrained by the demands of clinical practice and research, should give priority to the real-life issues that residents will encounter in his or her practice. A strong emphasis on the types of ethical problems in addition to the classic bioethical dilemmas would best equip graduates for the challenges of life as clinical practitioners.
- Human rights issues can thus serve as a useful resource for educators of ethics and laws involved in curriculum development.
- We all must engage with quality improvement as part of good orthodontic practice. Quality concerns in orthodontics are not just about the many outcome objectives and assessments; it is primarily concerned with health-care processes, including education, patient safety, decision-making, relationships with patient, etc.
- While I am a fan of problem-based learning (PBL) to some extent, and evidence-based medicine (EBM) in general, EBM may not offer guidelines for what processes one must adopt in order to achieve its goals (Hockey and Marshall, 2009).

Research often attempts to define the best medical treatment or surgical intervention. However, the processes that clinicians go through to incorporate evidence into care are equally as critical.

Ultimately, evidence is translated into patient outcomes and the quality of health care must be of concern to all clinicians. The latest technology available is like the da Vinci robot, but reaching a good quality decision about the right treatment for a specific patient involves teamwork in the office, patient safety and consideration for the patient’s experience, and are all equally as crucial in achieving a desirable outcome.

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