



Ethical decision-making & palliative care



Decisions of withholding or withdrawing life support

Decisions of withholding or withdrawing life support are based on **shared decision-making** between parents and healthcare team taking into account the **best interest of the infant and family** in the context of the clinical situation and legal frameworks.



Communication in ethically complex decisions

Parents and healthcare professionals share all **relevant information** such as the conditions, prognosis, and choices for care of the infant, as well as the social situation, values, and preferences of parents.



Rights of infants, parents, and families in difficult decisions

The rights of infants, parents, and families in **difficult decisions** are respected by healthcare professionals. The values behind any decisions that may compromise those rights are transparent.



Palliative care

Interdisciplinary neonatal palliative care safeguards the quality of life of the infant and the family when a **life limiting condition** is diagnosed.

