Ethical Issues and Dementia

Individuals and families living with Alzheimer’s disease will face many decisions throughout the course of the disease including decisions about care, treatment, participation in research, end of life issues, autonomy and safety. These statements were created to help persons with dementia and their families become educated about different areas of concern and provide the Association’s positions around ethical, medical and care topics related to Alzheimer’s disease or dementia. The statements are based on relevant research, best practice and expert opinion.

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