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Healthcare providers are faced with significant moral decision-making situations that occur while working in their practice. Nevertheless, irrespective of the human body and life, individuals' health is critical for their well-being. Therefore, sophisticated technology has resulted in advancement in medical knowledge hence bringing new essential moral issues. The case provided in the video is a medical issue concerning premature twins. Therefore, the best ethical theory that can help is virtue ethics. Virtue ethics focuses on how individuals can attain happiness or a good life (INTELECOM, 2016). Therefore, medical providers will have to practice based on virtues and character rather than the significance of their actions. Also, it will be essential to realize if it is right or wrong to take death because of the probable imminent impairment in this situation. The parents of the twin infants face substantial difficulty when the babies are born prematurely at twenty-six weeks and indicate solemn symptoms of deterioration (INTELECOM, 2016). Therefore, although decisions are developed according to the ethical theory, all parties, including parents and doctors, will deal with the results.

Virtue ethics provides an account for right and wrong according to what virtuous individuals would have done. Therefore, some things can be right depending on the situation individuals are in. However, virtues are character features that are positively valued in an individual. Individuals are intricate creatures with the absurd power to think and can sometimes be controlled by their emotions. These emotional responses are what helps them to deal with the world; thus, virtue ethics considers this as the major element in moral practice. Since the parents want their children to live, flourish and experience every good time with them as well as develop suitable qualities of living, the parents trusted the doctors in caring for twins and doing everything that is acknowledged to ensure they are saved. Their practice guidelines control

Doctors and thus, in some cases, they face moral dilemmas that may interfere with their practice. However, saving children is the right thing to do now and the consequences of their actions will be bestowed later.

Aristotle developed the concept of virtue ethics to understand how individuals can live a life with moral character. Roberts (2017) argued that individuals get certain characters by practicing. For instance, by applying to be generous and honest, they can grow to be honorable and have moral character. Therefore, as individuals behave with good character, they will develop virtues that emerge as a routine. The aim of individuals living is to attain a state of happiness. Based on the video, the twins require assistance. Regrettably, they cannot talk and present their needs. This will require someone close to them to represent them. Thus, the parents will take the role and act for them by explaining if the infants will want to continue living.

Similarly, based on the situation, the individuals that require help are the twin babies. Hence others should act virtuously by indicating charity or virtue that is doctors and parents. Although the act is not socially necessary, it is because it differs from the individual's character not to do it.

Individuals are susceptible to emotions. Sreenivasan (2020), stated that based on Aristotle emotions are a fundamental element of virtue ethics because it plays a role in the moral reasoning and being of individuals. Similarly, emotions are feelings and intuitions and this guides the ethical decision-making by individuals. Furthermore, different emotions can result in varying ethical decisions. For example, blame, disgrace and humiliation inspire individuals to act ethically. Decisions are needed based on the type of circumstance and this varies based on emotions because the reactions will be based on the viewpoint of things and how people see them. Although there is a chance for some to view situations with no emotions or sympathy,

individuals will then require partial recognition of the situation. Moreover, what people view shapes what and how they feel; their awareness of things and the impacts are robustly intertwined in making decisions.

Since emotions control the way individuals make decisions it also, allows others to get help. For instance, the parents of the twins are suffering because of their children's situation; this evokes suffering emotions, including sympathy and empathy by the doctors. This makes the doctors act ethically to the parents hence enhancing prosocial actions. When people make choices based on the virtues of life and emotions, inspiration occurs. Parents and healthcare providers are virtue agents and view that the twins require help and they believe what they are doing is right in helping the children live and thrive. This virtue of life makes the parents stronger.

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