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The right thing to do is to allow the doctor to give her food through the feeding pipe, since this is according to the ethical code of beneficence (Butts, & Rich, 2019). Maintaining the code of beneficence is very essential in this case study. From the study it is evident that to save Ann's life she need to be fed using a feeding tube. However, there was an agreement between Ann and Frank where Ann told frank that she would not like to be put into a breathing machine if there was no chances of survival. Under the current situation, Ann needs to be put into a feeding machine since she had refused to eat. It is ethical for Frank to allow the doctor to feed Ann through the feeding machine to prevent her from starving. I would recommend that saving Ann should be feed using the feeding pipe so as to save her life, even if this is contrary to her previous wish.

Secondly, I would allow the administration of food to Anne because this would play an important role in saving the life. Allowing the administration of food through the feeding pipe would satisfy the ethical code of nonmaleficence (Cherry, & Jacob, 2016). The ethical code of nonmalfinecence provides that the health care professional has a responsibility of avoiding harm to the patient. In this case frank is a major stakeholder in the healthcare team of his wife Ann. Therefore, he should adhere to this code of and prevent the harm that comes with starvation in case Ann continues to live without food.

The legal ¹ decision

The legal decision that I would make in this case is giving the doctor permission to go ahead and give Ann the right treatment. It is the legal responsibility of the family member to give consent to a certain health operation concerning the patient .It is the legal responsibility of all the health care stakeholders to protect life of the patient and avoid any instance of negligence or omission (Cherry & Jacob, 2016). I would oversee the administration of the

treatment even the pipe feeding program. This is because the agreement with Ann was against putting her into breathing machine. The pipe feeding program does not go against the promise that was made earlier. Lastly, giving the nurse permission to give Ann food using the feeding pipe plays a major legal issue of protecting life.

Ethical and legal advice

Basing on the legal and ethical issues provided in the nursing Act, I would advise Frank and Sarah to allow Ann to be feed with a feeding pipe. Granting permission to feed Ann with a feeding pipe complies with the ethical issues related in nursing. This is because it helps to avoid harm related to starvation by the patient. Secondly, I would like to advise them to consider what the patient would like to be done, however, it is important to understand that the patient had requested not to be put in a breathing machine. According to the legal issue in this case the patient can be feed through the pipe because the patient insisted not to be put on the breathing machine and not the feeding machine. Therefore using the feeding pipe does not go against the patient's will. In conclusion Frank should agree on the use of feeding pipe to Ann because it contributes to saving her life and it's not against her will.

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