


## When Exceptions Rule

**Infection Prevention and Control Vignettes in Paediatrics**

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## Ethics & Infection Control

- **Competing ethical perspectives**
  - "population" vs. "individual"
- **Principlism**
  - **Beneficence**
  - **Nonmaleficence**
  - **Justice**
  - **Autonomy**
- **Doctrine of Double Effect**
- **Precautionary Principle**
- **Communitarianism**

Bryan, Call & Elliott, 2007

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## Tensions in Paediatric Communities

**Family centered care**  
**Stages of development**  
**Community engagement**  
**Professional autonomy**



**Complex acute care setting**  
**High risk hosts**  
**Stages of development**  
**Community outbreaks**

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Recent opportunities ...



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Community engagement

**We'd like to build a movie theatre in the hospital so that children can see first run movies with families, friends and other members of the community. OK?**

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**What are the risks?**

**What are the benefits?**

**How can the risks be mitigated?**

- Yes
- Yes, but ...
- No

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**Family centered care**



**Family members will be staying in the patient room for the duration of hospitalization. The patient has MRSA. Do family members need to use PPE?**

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