

STUDENT HANDOUT 5.2

Ethical Decision-Making Framework

Name_____ Date_____ Period_____

Part I: Ethical Question

Part II: Facts and Questions

Relevant facts (known)

Questions that remain (unknown, need to know)

Part III: Stakeholder Values

Stakeholders (people/entities affected by the decision)

Values/concerns of each stakeholder

Bioethical Principle(s) given priority



5. Generating Options

(What are some possible options to resolve the ethical question?)

6. Write a strong justification paragraph for your decision on the topic. Make sure to answer the following questions while using the evidence (such as the facts and ethical considerations) to support your claim in a way that shows your reasoning.

- a. What is your position on this issue?
- b. What is the factual content to support your position that can be confirmed or refuted regardless of cultural or personal views?
- c. What ethical considerations can be included to support the position? (Respect for Others, Maximize Benefits/Minimize Harms)
- d. What are the views and interests of the individuals or groups affected by the decision that you think are most relevant to your position?
- e. What are the alternative options and why are they not as strong as your position?