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Bioethical Decision-Making: The Patient's Perspective

The issue

Should the patient post her profile on MatchingDonors.com?

Work with your team to complete steps 1-7.

1. Explain why this is an ethical issue.

2. List stakeholders who may be affected by the decision.

3. List others who could assist in or influence the decision-making.

4. Brainstorm a list of 3 possible courses of action. Write the possible courses of action in the first column of **Bioethical Decision-Making Chart** on page 4.

5. Record pros (benefits) and cons (risks) for each course of action. Write the pros and cons in the second and third column of the **Bioethical Decision-Making Chart**.

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Table 1: Ethical Principles

Ethical Principle	Definition
Autonomy	Right to decide
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Identify the ethical principles that support each course of action. Write the ethical principles that support each course of action in the fourth column of the **Bioethical Decision-Making Chart**.

7. Table 2 lists and defines values that may be important to people when they make decisions.

Table 2: Values

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Honesty	Tell the truth
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Respect	Preserve the dignity of self and others

Identify the values that support each course of action. Write the values that support each course of action in the fifth column of the **Bioethical Decision-Making Chart**

Work individually to complete steps 8 and 9.

8. Based on the chart and the principles and values that are important to you, what do you think is the best course of action?

9. Use the following questions to develop an individual positions statement to support the course of action that you selected. Write your position statement on a separate sheet of paper.
- What principles and values support your choice?
 - What are the benefits of this course of action?
 - Why do the benefits outweigh the risks?

Bioethical Decision-Making Chart

Course of Action	Pros (Benefits)	Cons (Risks)	Ethical Principles	Values

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