

Bioethical Decision-Making Model
(Adapted from the Jon R. Hendrix, Ball State University)

Name _____ Period _____

I. State the bioethical problem. State problem as an ought to do question (e.g., "What ought I do when . . .")

II. List possible alternative actions or solutions to the problem, even if you don't agree with some. (Five is the minimum.)

	Ranking	Solutions
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

III. Rank these alternatives in order of preference by placing numbers beside them. For example, place #1 beside the first choice, #2 beside the second, etc. (Rank them from the one (#1) your values agree with most to the one your values agree with least.

IV. Take your #1 solution and list at least 5 values you hold that cause you to rank it #1. (ex. Honesty: People cannot lie or we would never be able to trust each other)

	"I" Value	Personal Meaning of Value Word
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

V. Now take your solution and describe the CONSEQUENCES you think it would have. Do any 5 of the long term and short consequences.

How would this solution affect my:	Short term	Long term
Money		
Time		
Personal relationships		
Family		
Friends		
Psychological self		
Community		
Country		

VI. Place a (+) beside each consequence you hold as "good" and a (-) beside each consequence you hold as "bad."

VII. Are there any real "bad" consequences that you couldn't live with? If so, try another solution or modify your solution.

VIII. List 3 reasons why others might not agree with your solution to the problem.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

IX. Restate your solution and then place an “x” on the number on the confidence scale below.

My solution: _____

I can live with
my solution

I cannot live with
my solution

1-----2-----3-----4

very not very
sure sure

XI. Conclusions: What did you learn from this activity. Please use complete sentences and make sure your conclusions are thoughtful