

Ethics Corner

First Dental Dilemmas Podcast

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The ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs (CEBJA) launched a podcast titled “Dental Dilemmas” to explore a range of ethical issues in dentistry. The podcast will feature interviews with authors of the Ethical Moment articles found in the Journal of the American Dental Association, which debuted in 2004 and has been a recurring feature in JADA.

I recently listened to the first podcast with Dr. Michael Halasz, former chair of the ADA council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial affairs. The episode is titled, “Patience Before Patients.” The article the podcast references was published in JADA 149(11) in November 2018. If you’re short on time, not to worry – the full podcast is less than 15 minutes. In this brief timeframe, you’ll gain valuable insight on what to do if a patient from another practice you are covering for comes to you for an emergency but ends up wanting to transfer to your practice instead of returning to the original dentist. Dive into noteworthy thoughts on patient autonomy and open yourself to the thought-provoking question of “What are the ethical obligations to the patient and to the other dentist?” [Give the episode a listen](#) to see if your opinion matches with Dr. Halasz’s or simply for more clarity on what to do in this situation should it come up in real life.

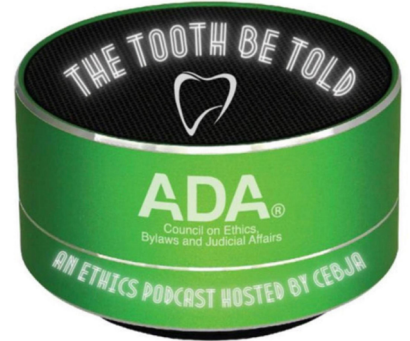
I, myself, am a podcast fan. I’ve listened to a variety of podcasts on a plethora of topics from ethical dilemmas to subjects for my pure entertainment on the go. That, in my opinion, is what makes them so great. You can learn about just about anything you want, anywhere you want with the click of a button. Instead of waiting for the moment you get home to sit on the couch and finally turn on the TV, listen during your morning commute, while exercising, or even while cooking or folding your laundry. Whether you have an hour or just ten minutes, there’s something out there that is sure to suit your interests and time constraints...and there’s always the pause button for continuing an episode later if you can’t finish it in one sitting. So, if you’re looking to expand your thinking or outlook on a certain topic with great accessibility and ease, the podcast world may be right for you.

It’s exciting that the ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs has created these useful and stimulating resources

at our disposal and at no cost to us. You could be sitting on the train by yourself, but feel totally immersed in a full-fledged discussion with an expert. The Dental Dilemmas podcast is worth a listen, especially as leaders in health-care striving to encourage ethical awareness and practice in the world of dentistry. Educating yourself and being

an active learner is the first step to initiating positive change. Take the fifteen minutes to listen to the first podcast episode of this series and get on the path to starting a meaningful ethical discussion with colleagues, friends, or family.

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