



Ethical Issues Relating to Intimate Relationships in Long-Term Care

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The following discussion questions are provided as an additional educational tool to accompany this fireside chat video. Please feel free to select the questions that are most relevant to your committee or group, revise and adapt them as needed, etc. As always, we welcome feedback on this or any other NSHEN resource.

Questions:

- What did you learn from this interview?
- In your opinion, what can make it difficult or uncomfortable talking about intimate relationships in long-term care settings?
- What do you think residents and/or their relatives can do to be better prepared to address issues around intimate relationship in a long-term care facility?
- What can staff members do to prevent imposing their own values and beliefs around intimate relationships in long-term care settings on the residents?
- John mentions the importance of normalizing conversations around intimate relationships in the long-term care setting. In your opinion, what can be done at institutional level to promote conversation around intimacy?
- Can you think of others ways to support the expression of intimate relations in the long-term care settings?
- In your opinion, what can long-term care facilities and staff do to ensure that residents belonging to sexual minorities feel safe and comfortable to express intimate relations in the long-term care setting?

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