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■ Patients' Rights at the BEL Defence An added value or (non)sense?



■ Patients' Rights – a holy grail?

1. Patients' Rights are not the **goal**
2. But they are a **mean** to achieve **qualitative health care** based on a **trustworthy relationship** between a patient and a care giver.
3. **DURA LEX, SED LEX**
4. But it is the **patient and the care giver** who are giving **meaning and color** to this law.





■ What about the patient?

1. Who is our patient?
2. Who **represents** our patient?
3. Do they actually care about their rights as a patients? And if so, when?
4. What is **meaningfull** (military) healthcare for our patient?





■ The medic, a dual headed soldier

1. As a medic, we are loyal to two main objectives:

1. a **military** objective
2. a **health** objective

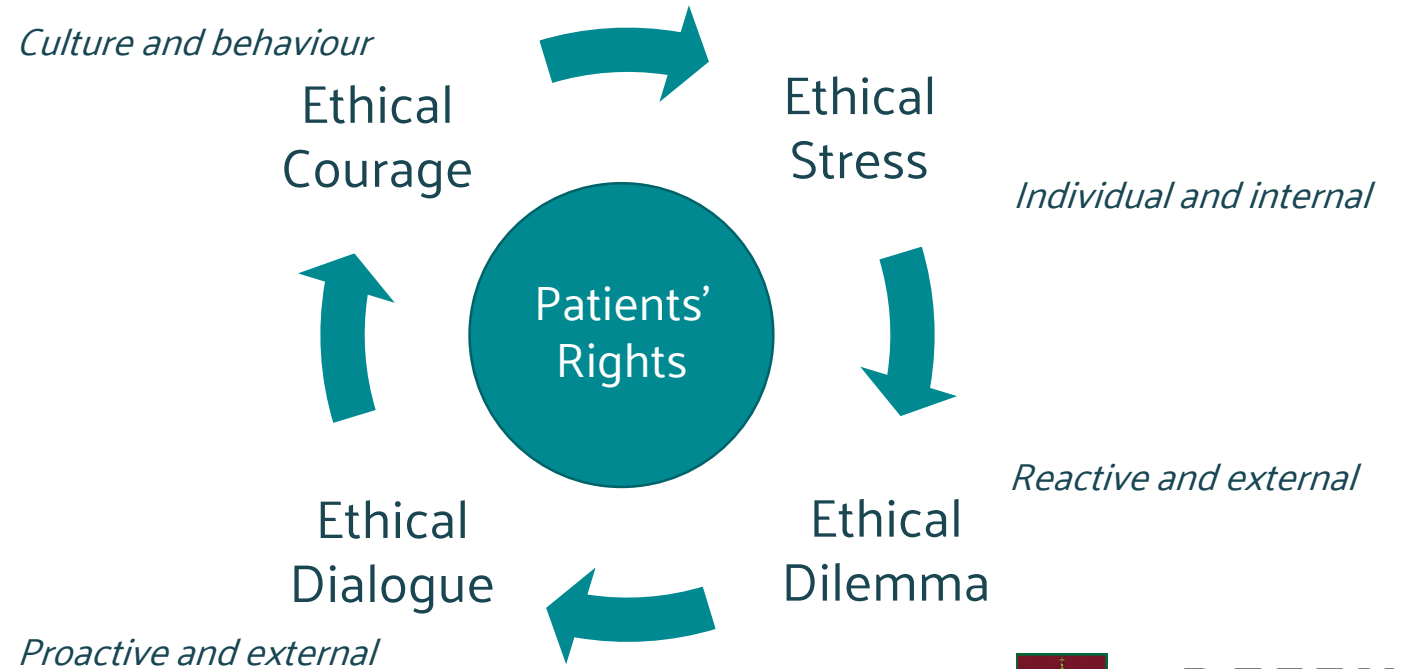
Conflicting
interests?

2. Be aware of **ethical stress** and **moral injury**





Patients' Rights and Ethics





What does the future hold for us?

1. Modernisation of Federal Patients' Rights
2. What does this imply for us?
3. Flock of starlings



Last practicalities

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■ **Thanks a lot for your attendance!**

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