

Confucian Teaching



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Opinion

According to Confucian teaching "A woman is under her father influence when she is at home... When she get married, she is under her husband's and when her husband passed away... her sons will take over" In other words in her entire life any decisions in life, a woman will depend on other influence to decide the course of action from money to journey, from procession to education... and therefore, one can conclude that any decision relating to a woman health and/or medical TREATMENT or PROCEDURE must be made in conjunction and collaboration with her men... This notion to be applied to the Oriental, African, Muslim cultures and all other ethnic/immigrant groups in USA...

In the last 20 years, I have the privilege to serve as the Ethnic/Cultural Consultant for different medical clinics and organizations and hospitals across USA in the matter of HOW TO DEAL WITH THE ETHNIC and/or IMMIGRANT PATIENTS in the medical treatment and procedure... In this capacity, I offer the cultural angle as how to communicate and understand the Ethnic "INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF MEDICAL /HEALTH PERCEPTION" and provide the effective action plan to treat the patient in the meaningful and compassionate manner..Indeed, we must treat the immigrant patient with proper understanding and pursue the course of action with the right approach to be achieved the setting goal. Let tackle the issue of ABORTION...In USA, the decision of having a abortion is between the woman and her doctor...Not so in other cultures and in different ethnic and immigrant groups in USA...The decision of

whether or not a woman should have an abortion is 80% depends on her family mostly her father and her husband... In this instance, the doctor must focus more in her men than the woman herself to establish the channel of communication, to convey message, and able to offer the feasible course of action in the procedure...Yes, the woman will sign the Consent form, but her men must approve and support it.

OK, take another example... A woman needs to have a SPINAL surgery...In any consultation as well as treatment, there must be her men standby...It is NOT the matter of Language difference, but it is the matter of COMMUNICATION...We must convey the message that all involved parties must understand and APPROVE the treatment and procedure before anything to happen...It is extremely important

that the patient understand the procedure approach and feel OK with it... But it is much more important that her men believe in it, support it and approve it.

Lesson to be learned

If you deal with a MALE IMMIGRANT/ETHNIC PATIENT...HE, himself will be one one that you interact and work with in the entire of medical treatment course of action...But if you have to provide the medical services to a female immigrant/ethnic patient...you are, not only have to offer the best treatment for her health interest, but also you must consult and work with her father, husband and family members as well.



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