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Q10

Case study. Sneha is a Senior Manager working for a big reputed hospital chain in a mid-sized city. She has been made in-charge of procurement for a new super speciality centre. She notices that her brother, who is a well-known supplier in this domain, has also sent his expression of interest. Since the hospital is privately owned, it is not mandatory for her to select only the lower bidder. Her brother's company has been facing financial difficulties and a big supply order will help him recover. Allocating the contract to her brother might bring charges of favouritism. (a) What should be Sneha's course of action? (b) How would she justify what she chooses to do? (c) In this case, how is medical ethics compromised with vested personal interest?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS IV · 20 marks · Ethics Case Studies

Case Studies on above issues.

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Conflict of interest

A situation where private family gain can pull a procurement decision off the patient's interest.

Recusal

Stepping off evaluation and sign-off so that a panel without the family link can still consider a competent bid on published criteria.

Appearance of bias

Even a technically defensible award to a sibling will be read as a rescue; process sunlight is the only partial cure.

Non-maleficence

The medical duty not to harm; a cheaper unsafe device bought for family reasons is a clinical ethics failure, not only an HR story.

Private hospital, public duty of care

Ownership form does not dissolve the duty to competent equipment, honest billing and a trustable store.

Supplier distress

A firm in financial trouble may cut quality or seek a captive buyer; it is a due-diligence warning, not a charity case on a clinical indent.

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