

## CASE ANALYSIS ASSIGNMENT

You are a medical ethics consultant. The ethics committee at the Regional Medical Center has asked you to write a 5-7 page analysis of this case that, in the end, addresses these two questions:

1. Should they or should they not transfuse?
2. What can be done to avoid experiencing problems of this nature in the future?

If this essay were a symphony it would have two large movements. The first movement is **analytical**; in it you need to perform a casuistical analysis of the case. That is, you need to use the Jonsen topology to proceed through the special topics which are relevant to the case, identify irrelevant questions that arise, and follow relevant lines of inquiry until you hit on the *qua de re agitur*. Having done so, you will have interpreted and fully analyzed the case.

The second movement is, of course, to **render and defend** your judgment. Once you have analyzed and understood the heart of the case, judgment is more or less automatic. The only task remaining is to muster all of your rhetorical skill and defend your judgment with good reasons drawn from your analysis of the case!