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Conflict With Patient: Physician and Patient Conflict Resolution

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Professionalism Conflict with Patient

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A patient comes to the clinic and is examined by a physician who proposes treatment options that conflict with the patient's religion and/or culture

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The physician should attempt to understand the patient's point of view, all while adhering to medical ethics. Respecting patients' cultural and religious preferences is integral to build trust between physicians and their patients. By discussing all the options with their patients, physicians might be able to collaboratively come up with treatment options that align with both their patients' boundaries and ethical medical practice. This would ensure a balance between being culturally sensitive and executing appropriate medical decisions.

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Reflections

When a patient expresses their boundaries in respect to the medical care they wish to receive due to their religious and/or cultural practices, it is important that physicians adhere to their preferences. Although physicians are taught to proceed with certain medical choices throughout their academic careers, it is crucial that their patients' identities and personal choices are taken into account when discussing choices. By respecting these personal choices, physicians might come up with alternative treatment options that, although not the standard, would lead to better comfort for their patients.

