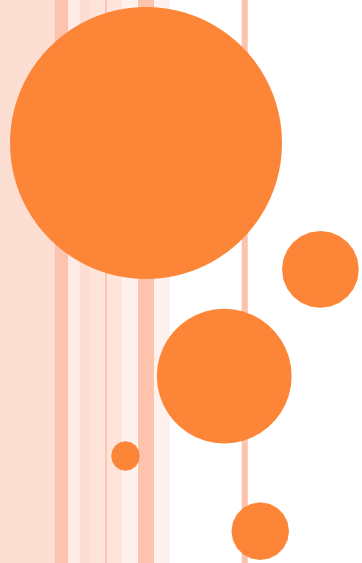


# CODE OF ETHICS



# DEFINITION

- A CODE OF ETHICS IS A FORMAL STATEMENT OF GROUP'S IDEALS AND VALUES



# PURPOSES

- STANDARDS FOR THE BEHAVIOURS OF NURSE & PROVIDE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR NURSING ACTION
- HELPS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN RIGHT & WRONG
- ENABLES A CORRECT DECISION
- PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL



# USES

- Acknowledges the rightful place of Individuals in health care delivery system.
- Contributes towards empowerment of individuals to become responsible for their health and well-being.
- Contributes to quality care.
- Identifies obligations in practice, research and relationships.
- Informs the individuals, families, community and other professionals about expectations of a nurse.



# ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

- RESPECT & AUTONOMY
- BENEFICENCE
- JUSTICE
- VERACITY
- FIDELITY



# ETHICAL DILEMMA

- Occurs when there is conflict between two or more ethical principles.
- No correct decision exists.
- Ethical reasoning

