Ethics

Whistleblowing in healthcare involves ethical concerns. It is important to consider the moral purpose of understanding the ethics of whistleblowing. This is used as a last resort when all other methods fail in healthcare settings. The common consequences of whistleblowing involve deciding between harms and goods. The law considers the act of whistleblowing as illegal and immoral. This is referred to as informing about the unethical or illegal issues of the organization (Fremgen, 2002).

The Oncologist Dr Makar was running cancer treatment centres in Rockledge when a former employee files suit against him. He had taken the role of a whistleblower by claiming that the medical procedures were performed inappropriately. Whistleblowing involved several claims against the employee. Later it was found that the claims against Marak were baseless and difficult to prove. The employee himself used whistleblowing for raising fraudulent claims. The employee filed the suit of $89 million against Wasi Makar.

<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/legal-regulatory-issues/89m-judgment-entered-against-florida-oncologist-in-false-claims-act-case.html>

The case of Markar depicts that it is difficult for the employee to prove that his whistleblowing is backed with appropriate evidence. Sometimes, it is difficult for them to determine if the act is immoral or not. The facts also indicate that the employees taking the role of whistleblower rely on their personal judgments. The findings also state that the 75 per cent of the whistleblowers is former employees of the organization this raise questions about their reliability. Sometimes they use whistleblowing for personal interest. Most of the cases are filed against healthcare professionals. The whistleblowing can cause harm to the professionals or the organization because it affects their reputation. The issues related to whistleblowing also depicts that they create moral distress for the employees. There are also personal and professional risks associated with this issue.

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