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# **Ethical and Legal Issues in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing**

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# Definitions

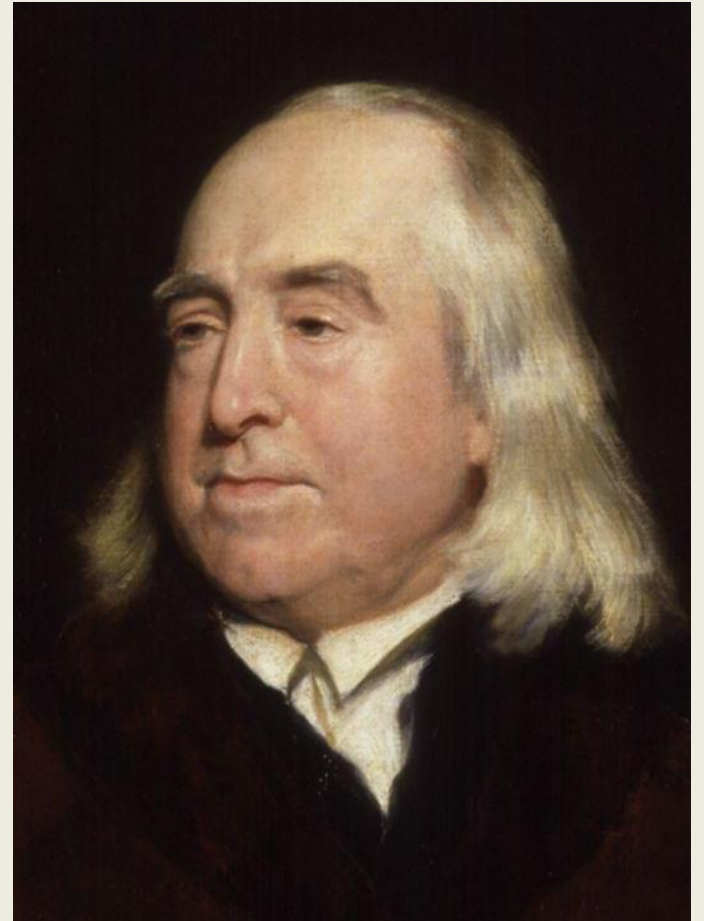
- *Ethics:*
- *Bioethics:*
- *Moral behavior:*

# **Ethical Considerations**

# Theoretical Perspectives

- An *ethical theory* is a moral principle or a set of moral principles that can be used in assessing what is morally right or morally wrong. These principles provide guidelines for ethical decision making

# Utilitarianism



Jeremy Bentham

# Kantianism



Immanuel Kant

# Christian Ethics

# **Natural Law Theory**



# **Ethical Egoism**

# Islamic ethics

# **Ethical Dilemmas**

# Ethical Principles

- Autonomy
- Beneficence
- Nonmaleficence
- Justice
- Veracity

# **A Model for Making Ethical Decisions**

# **Ethical Issues in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing**

- **The Right to Refuse Medication**
- **The Right to the Least-Restrictive Treatment Alternative**

# **Legal Issues in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing**

# **Confidentiality and Right to Privacy**



# **Informed Consent**

# **Restraints and Seclusion**

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# **Commitment Issues**

- **Voluntary Admissions**
- **Involuntary Commitment**

**See you in the next lecture**