

To Instructors

AS EXPLAINED IN THE INTRODUCTION, the decision cases in this collection differ from the cases commonly used in social work education. Whatever their experience with the case method of teaching or with end-of-life care, most instructors will benefit from the extensive teaching notes written for each of the cases. These notes are available at the Columbia University Press Web site but accessible to instructors only.

The teaching notes have two basic purposes: to help instructors select particular cases and to help instructors prepare to lead case discussions. To help in case selection, each note begins with a case synopsis, intended case use, and possible learning outcomes. To help in preparation for class discussion, each note provides possible discussion questions organized into four sequential categories: facts, analysis, action, and personal reflection. Next, the note includes suggestions for possible activities to supplement the case discussion. A final section identifies recommended print, electronic, and media resources.

