

INTRODUCTION

Ethical awareness is fundamental to patient-centered urogynecology nursing care.

AIM

To identify ethical issues in urogynecology nursing and the role of nurses in ethical decision making.

METHODS

A literature review was conducted using PubMed, CINAHL, Cochrane Library and Google Scholar databases (2018–2025).

KEYWORDS

Nursing, ethics, privacy, urogynecology informed consent.

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ETHICAL ISSUES IN UROGYNECOLOGY NURSING: A LITERATURE REVIEW

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KEY ETHICAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED



ETHICAL ISSUES IN UROGYNECOLOGY NURSING



 Privacy & Confidentiality

 Informed Consent

 Cultural Sensitivity

 Ethical Decision-Making

 Patient Autonomy

 Research Ethics

CONCLUSIONS

The findings of this review emphasize that ethical considerations are particularly important in urogynecological nursing practice because pelvic floor disorders affect highly intimate aspects of women's lives. Conditions such as urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse are frequently associated with stigma, embarrassment, social isolation, and delayed healthcare-seeking, which may adversely affect quality of life and treatment outcomes.

In this context, safeguarding privacy and confidentiality, respecting patient autonomy, and facilitating informed decision-making are essential responsibilities of urogynecology nurses.

Ethical competence is therefore critical not only for protecting patient rights but also for fostering trust, enhancing patient engagement, and supporting the delivery of high-quality, patient-centered urogynecological care.

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