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The scenario (Box 7.1) Dr Bell and dignity

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#### Sommario/riassunto

This book on ethics for nurses will guide students and nurses through the process of recognizing ethical dilemmas in nursing practice, and better prepare them to nurse in an ethical way.

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