

Bias in Mediation – Heart Surgery

Instructions:

- You are each a surgeon at a large hospital.
- Your committee must make a very important decision.
- Six patients need a heart transplant.
- There is only one heart donor at this time.
- All the patients would be good recipients.
- **Which patient would you choose to receive the heart?**
- Why???
- Your committee must agree on the choice.
- You may not choose by lottery.

Patients:

- 25-year-old homeless man with two young children and no other family.
- 35-year-old minister, a well-respected role model, runs a group for young fathers.
- 40-year-old male teacher, very popular, single parent of a child with learning disabilities.
- 15-year-old girl who is four months pregnant.
- 18-year-old girl, a high school dropout and sole support of her three siblings, functioning alcoholic.
- 50-year-old scientist close to a cure for COVID, gay man, no children.