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The University of Pittsburgh
Consortium Ethics Program

BASIC ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE ETHICS

December 10, 2012
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania
500 Commonwealth Drive
Warrendale, PA 15806

Sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences, the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, UPMC Palliative and Supportive Institute (PSI), and the University of Pittsburgh Consortium Ethics Program (CEP)*

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Rosa Lynn Pinkus, Ph D, Director
Introduction
This day-long conference will provide an intensive review of ethical issues that occur in contemporary health care ethics. Aimed at providing health care professionals with a basic introduction to the frameworks and skills needed for addressing and resolving ethical issues within their institutions and health care in general, topics ranging from general principles in health care ethics to patient autonomy, informed consent, decision-making capacity and end-of-life decisions, will be presented through didactic and case-based discussions.

Target Audience
This conference is open to all health care professionals. If you are a member of your institution’s ethics committee, participate in ethical decision-making, or just have a special interest in health care ethics, we encourage you to attend.

Conference Objectives
At the end of this program, participants should be able to:
1. Identify the basic issues in contemporary health care ethics.
2. Analyze basic frameworks for addressing issues in health care ethics.
3. Recognize the role of the major ethical principles in resolving ethical dilemmas.
4. Apply the major ethical principles and frameworks to problematic cases.

Faculty
Rhonda Gay Hartman, JD
Duquesne University
Randy Hebert, MD, MPH
Medical Director
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Rosa Lynn Pinkus, PhD
Director, Consortium Ethics Program
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Mark Wicclair, PhD
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University of Pittsburgh

Schedule

8:30 am – 9:10 am
Registration/ General Welkome

9:10 am – 10:30 am
Methods of Bioethics: Four Stories of Dax Cowart
Rosa Lynn Pinkus, PhD

Objectives:
- Describe a basic framework for conceptualizing ethical issues;
- Identify the major ethical issues associated with Dax’s Case;
- Identify several common ethical issues that emerge in clinical practice;
- Explore the ethical dimensions of several actual clinical cases that raise ethical issues.

10:30 am – 10:40 am
Break

10:40 am – 12:00 pm
Health Care Ethics in Clinical Practice
Mark Wicclair, PhD

Objectives:
- Identify and analyze ethical issues and problems in clinical practice;
- Distinguish ethical norms from other standards, such as legal, professional, and clinical standards.

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm
Lunch

12:45 pm – 2:20 pm
Medical Decision Making and Surrogate Relationships
Rhonda Gay Hartman, JD

Objectives:
- Discuss the legal and ethical framework for surrogate decision making while appreciating the interface between law and clinical settings;
- Develop abilities to identify complex issues arising in clinical care and approaches to decision making conflicts concerning life-limiting conditions with integrity, professionalism, and effectiveness;
- Appreciate how to both consider and communicate about issues surrounding surrogate decision making in ways that maximize benefit and minimize harm.

2:30 pm – 3:50 pm
End of Life Decision Making
Randy Hebert, MD, MPH

Objectives:
- Discuss the basic ethical principles of end of life decision making;
- Examine the clinical process of making such decisions with patients, families, and surrogates;
- Identify the factors that facilitate or impede the process of end of life decision making.

3:50 pm - 4:00 pm
Wrap-up and Evaluation

4:00 pm
Adjournment

Registration Form

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Name: ____________________________  Degree: ____________________________

Institution: _____________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

Certification requested (Please check one):
( ) CME  ( ) Social Work  ( ) Nursing  ( ) None Required

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(Necessary for certification)

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Make Checks Payable to: University of Pittsburgh

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