

# The Healthcare Ethics Committee Symposium (Fall Session - Two Day Program)

NJHA Conference and Event Center, 760 Alexander Rd., Princeton, N.J. 08540  
October 18 & 26, 2017

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**Registration** | 8:30 a.m.

**Program** | 9 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Seminar** | EDU 1737

**Fee** | Member: \$495 ea.

Non-member: \$595 ea.

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## OVERVIEW:

Care-providing facilities, including acute care hospital, nursing homes and home care agencies, are required as a condition of accreditation by the Joint Commission to have a standing mechanism to address ethical issues that arise in the healthcare setting. Most organizations meet this requirement with an interdisciplinary ethics committee.

The Healthcare Ethics Committee Symposium is designed to address the vital role of healthcare ethics committees and their unique responsibilities, including education, clinical ethics consultation and policy development and review. Using case studies, published materials, institutional policies and personal experiences, that faculty and attendees will explore issues that typically require ethical analysis and resolution. These issues include informed consent and refusal, decisional capacity and decision making by and for patients, truth telling and confidentiality, care at the beginning and end of life, justice and access to healthcare services and organizational ethics.

Ethics committees come in all shapes, sizes and stages of development; their members bring varying skill sets, knowledge bases and levels of experience. Because the program's central focus will be skills and strategies to enhance healthcare ethics committees as an organizational resource, this intensive two-day symposium is essential for anyone who chairs, serves-on or supports healthcare ethics committees.

## OBJECTIVES:

At the end of Day 1 of this symposium, attendees will be able to:

1. Explain the role of healthcare ethics committees and distinguish it from the roles of other organizational resources;
2. Identify ethical issues that commonly arise in the healthcare settings and explain how they are most effectively addressed by ethics committees;
3. Clarify the often competing interest, principles and obligations that create ethical dilemmas in the healthcare settings; and
4. Identify the ethical issues related to decision making truth telling, confidentiality, disclosure, privacy, decision making for special populations and care at the end of life.

At the end of Day 2 of this symposium, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify the competing ethical principles and obligations that create challenging ethical issues;
2. Discusses the moral agency of organizations;
3. Contrast the several models of clinical ethics consultation services;
4. List the types of issues that would be appropriate for clinical ethics and consultation; and
5. Describe a clinical ethics consultation from case presentation to resolution, including analysis and documentation.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Healthcare ethics committee chairs and members, including but not limited to physicians, nurses, in house counsel, social workers, risk managers, clergy, case managers, quality improvement directors, compliance officers, other healthcare professionals and community members.

**FACULTY:**

**Linda Faber Post, JD, MA, BSN**, is retired director, Bioethics at Hackensack University Medical Center (HackensackUMC), clinical associate professor in the Department of Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at St. George's University School of Medicine.

**Dr. Jeanne Kerwin, D.MH, CT**, is the manager of the Bioethics and Palliative Care at Atlantic Health Systems, Morristown, a member of the NJ Advisory Council on End-Of-Life Care, a member of the Medical Society of NJ Bioethics Committee and adjunct faculty member at Drew University in the Medical Humanities Graduate School.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS:** (CE credit hours will be adjusted for time not earned. Certificates will be presented at the end of each session of the symposium.)

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ACHE Qualified Education Credit:

As an independent chartered Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the ACHE – NJ is authorized to award 6.0 hours (*Day One*) / 6.0 hours (*Day Two*) of ACHE Qualified Education credits toward advancement or recertification in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Participants in this program who wish to have it considered for ACHE Qualified Education credit should list their attendance when they apply to the American College of Healthcare Executives for advancement or recertification.

DISCLOSURE INFORMATION: Full disclosure will be provided at the educational activity.

# The Healthcare Ethics Committee Symposium

New Jersey Hospital Association, Princeton, NJ

May 16, 2017

## AGENDA – PART ONE

- 8 a.m. *Registration and Continental Breakfast*
- 8:45 a.m. **Welcome and Overview**
- 9 a.m. **Ethical Foundations of Clinical Practice**
- The Role of Ethics in Clinical Medicine
  - Ethics Committees in the Healthcare Setting
  - Fundamental Ethical Principles
  - The Role of Culture, Race, and Ethnicity in Healthcare
  - Conflicting Obligations and Ethical Dilemmas
- 10 a.m. *Break*
- 10:15 a.m. **The Creation, Nature and Functioning of Ethics Committees**
- Profile of Ethics Committees
  - Origins, Membership, Expertise in Ethics, Leadership and securing a Foothold
  - Committee Functions – Education, Case, Consultation, Policy Development and Review
- 11:15 a.m. **Decision Making**
- Decisional Capacity
  - Informed Consent and Refusal
  - Surrogate Decision Making
  - Decision Making for Special Populations
  - Shared Decision Making
  - Advance Care Planning
- 12:15 p.m. **Working Luncheon**

*Program continues...*

1 p.m.

**Truth Telling, Confidentiality, Disclosure and Privacy**

- Confidentiality and Disclosure
- Privacy and Control of Information
- Adverse Events and Medical Errors
- Truth Telling and Cultural Norms

1:30 p.m.

**Ethical Issues in Caring for Special Populations**

- Neonates, Children and Adolescents
- Elder Patients
- Patients with Disabilities
- Pregnant Patients
- Maternal-Fetal Issues

2 p.m.

**Clinical Ethics Consultation**

- Overview of Clinical Ethics Consultation
- Selecting the Best Ethics Consultation Model for Your Organization
- Building an Ethics Consultation Service; Critical Success Factors
- Analytic Approaches to Clinical Ethics Consultation
- Analysis, Recommendation and Documentation

4 p.m.

**Questions and Answers/Evaluations**

4:15 p.m.

*Adjournment*

# The Healthcare Ethics Committee Symposium

New Jersey Hospital Association, Princeton, NJ

May 25, 2017

## AGENDA – PART TWO

8 a.m. *Registration and Continental Breakfast*

8:45 a.m. **Welcome and Overview**

9 a.m. **Thorny Ethical Issues**

- Brain Death, Persistent Vegetative State, and Minimally Conscious State
- Treat Refusal Following a Suicide Attempt
- Disruptive Behavior by Patients and Families
- Undocumented Patients
- The Patient Alone
- Autonomy Run Amok and False Choices
- Language Matters

10 a.m. *Break*

10:15 a.m. **Organizational Ethics**

- From Bioethics to Healthcare Organizational Ethics
- Moral Responsibilities of Healthcare Organizations
- Organizational Ethics and Compliance
- Ethics and the Allocation of Resources
- Ethics Committees and Organizational Issues

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- Selecting the Best Clinical Ethics Consultation Model for Your Institution
- Access, Recommendation and Documentation
- Issue Appropriate for Clinical Ethics Consultation

12:15 p.m. **Networking Luncheon**

*Program continues...*

1 p.m.

**Sample Case and Role Playing Consultations**

- Presentation
- Fact Gathering
- Analysis
- Resolution
- Discussion

3:30 p.m.

**Additional Issues Related to Ethics Committees**

4 p.m.

**Question and Answer/ Evaluations**

4:15 p.m.

*Adjournment*

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