Ethical Challenges of Ebola and Zika Webinar

New Jersey Hospital Association, Princeton



September 27, 2016

1 - 2:00 p.m.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The mosquito-borne Zika virus has reopened conversations about the ethics of prevention, treatment and research related to outbreaks of diseases and public health emergencies.

Zika, which has spread quickly across the Americas after it was confirmed in Brazil in May 2015, does not have the same infectious urgency as the 2014 Ebola virus outbreak, but has brought up similar concerns in how the international health community deals with the disease.

With no known specific treatment and no current vaccine, how can researchers ethically address the population most affected by Zika virus, pregnant women and their babies? Who is responsible for communicating the risks of Zika? How can countries that do not culturally accept birth control or other contraceptive measures advocate that pregnancies should be delayed during this outbreak? And who is going to support the children born with microcephaly or other birth defects due to the virus who need intense, expensive care? These are some of the ethical issues that will be addressed in the September 27 webinar.

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will:

Describe some of the ethical concerns and challenges related to the Ebola and ZIKA Virus

TARGET AUDIENCES:

Physicians, nurses, 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, public health professionals, heads of community health education and community members.



FACULTY:

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