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ADULT ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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Committee Charge

- To provide consultation to the treatment team (including medical staff, attendings, house officers) and patients/families on ethical, moral, philosophical problems and issues encountered in the course of managing inpatient and outpatient care.
- To provide education and advice to the staff, faculty, medical students, patients, and families on case-based ethical issues, as well as on ethical medical practice standards, in the provision of inpatient and outpatient care.
- To formulate, review and comment, upon request, policies on the ethical aspects of clinical care at UMHHC.
- To assist the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers (UMHHC) in complying with regulatory standards and addressing clinical ethical issues.
- To represent the Faculty Group Practice (FGP) and the Office of Clinical Affairs (OCA) on ethical issues encountered in clinical practice in the Clinical Delivery System (CDS) for both inpatients and outpatients.
- To provide education to community agencies and students as requested
- When appropriate and/or when requested, work in conjunction with the UMMS Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine.
- The Chair of the Adult Ethics Committee is also the Director of the Clinical Ethics Consultation Service (Adults) and the Director of the Bioethics Grand Rounds program.
- The Vice-Chair of the Adult Ethics Committee is the liaison to and member of the Pediatric Ethics Committee.
- The Vice-Chair of the Adult Ethics Committee is responsible for scheduling Bioethics Grand Rounds.

Committee Membership

The Adult Ethics Committee (AEC) is composed of a multi-disciplinary panel from the University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) and a member of the community that is not affiliated with the UMHHC. The Committee may seek consultation from any Service or discipline as required. Staff support is mutually identified by the Office of Clinical Affairs and the Chair of the Committee. Committee members are appointed by the Chair of the Committee for three year terms in consultation with the Office of Clinical Affairs. Members may be re-appointed for successive three-year terms.

Membership as of June 30, 2011: 37 Members

Andrew Barnosky, DO, MPH, Chair of Adult Ethics Committee, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine, Medical School
Leslie H. Kamil, MS, JD, Vice Chair of Adult Ethics Committee - Compliance Officer, Compliance and Privacy Office, UMHS
Eric Adelman, MD, Lecturer, Department of Neurology
Elias Baumgarten, PhD, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UM Dearborn
Peter Bittenbender, MD, House Officer II, Department of Internal Medicine
Andrew Bradley, Medical Student
Anita Clos, MA, LMSW, ACSW, Social Work
Hari Conjeevaram, MD, Associate Professor, Internal Medicine
Karen Cummings, PA-C
Raymond DeVries, PhD, Bioethics Program
Janice Firn, SW, Clinical Social Worker

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Patrick Gipson, MD, Associate Professor, Division of Nephrology
Edward Goldman, JD, Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Susan Goold, MD, Professor, Internal Medicine
Judy Hallas, Manager, HR Consultant, Department of Patient Relations
Jan Hewett, BSN, JD, Director, IRBMED
Kandi Jurek, Patient Relations Coordinator, UMH Patient Relations
Cathy Kendrick, RN, Supervisor, Clinical Nursing
Patricia Lyndale, PhD, Pastoral Care
Sacha Montas, MD, Lecturer, Emergency Medicine
Kathryn Moseley, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases
Sadhana Nayak-Young, Medical Student
Brian Parkin, MD, Instructor, Internal Medicine
Lloyd E. Powell, JD, Community Member, Chief Defender, Washtenaw County Office of Public Defender
Lisa Seyfried, MD, Instructor, Department of Psychiatry
Andrew G. Shuman, MD, Resident Surgeon, Department of Otolaryngology
Robert Silbergleit, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine
Kenneth Silk, MD, Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry
Lauren Smith, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology
Orchid Stewart, BSN, Head Nurse, Central Staff Resources
Randall Sung, MD, Assistant Professor, General Surgery
Kathy Szakatis, MS, RN, UMH Adult Palliative Care Consult Service
Galen Toews, MD, Professor and Chief, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Cecilia Trudeau, RN, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Pediatric Palliative Care Consultation Service
Denege Ward, MD, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Phillip Zazove, MD, Professor of Family Medicine

Committee Meeting Dates

The Adult Ethics Committee met 10 times during FY 10-11 on the following dates:

January 19, 2010	January 18, 2011
February 16, 2010	February 15, 2011
March 16, 2010	March 15, 2011
April 20, 2010	April 19, 2011
May 18, 2010	May 17, 2011
June 15, 2010	June 21, 2011

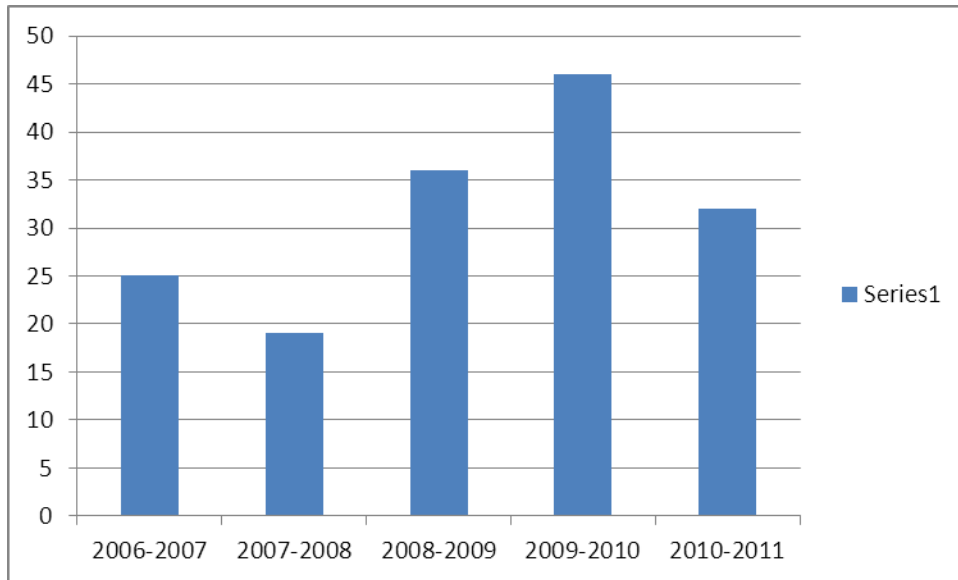
Major Accomplishments

- Administration and facilitation of the monthly medical center wide Bioethics Grand Rounds educational program.
- Updating and enhancement of the Adult Ethics Committee webpage to include videos of the monthly Bioethics Grand Rounds.
- July 1 2010-June 30, 2011, 32 Bioethics Consults.

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Ethics Consults 2006-2011

- Created a joint pediatric and adult group of ethics committee members to review one of the findings from a sentinel event - discussed creating a consistent process of when to use a pregnancy test.
- Finalized the UMHS Futility Policy and Termination of Treatment Policy.
- Finalized Advance Directive Declaration form.
- Mentorship and guidance to the Bioethics Interest Group of the Medical School.
- Enhancement of the education of committee members via frequent forwarding of current ethics literature, combined with the providing opportunity for off-site and on-site ethics education to members.
- Periodic contributions to house staff education via the willingness of committee members to serve as lecturers in various topics relating to medical staff.
- Administration of the inpatient bioethics consultation service with monthly review of recent consultations, with improvement in process of accessing on-call participants.
- Development of an informational brochure, describing committee function and access for patients, families, and staff.
- Review the Joint Commission (TJC), CMS Conditions of Practice (COP) and HIPAA regulations on patient rights and ethics issues to assess committee compliance.
- Submitted proposal to FIGs for funding.
- Conducted formal review of Committee in order to ensure adequate and comprehensive representation of specialties and professions, with subsequent recruitment of additional members with specific expertise.
- There has been an ever increasing number of medical students and residents who attend Committee meetings and participate in consults.

Bioethics Grand Rounds

Date	Presenter(s)
July 2010	NO GRAND ROUNDS

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August 25 , 2010	“Case Studies in Clinical Ethics,” Andrew R. Barnosky, DO, MPH, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Chair of the Adult Ethics Committee
September 22, 2010	“Ethical Issues in Health Behavior and Education,” Scott Roberts, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior & Health Education, University of Michigan School of Public Health
October 2010	NO GRAND ROUNDS
November 2010	NO GRAND ROUNDS
December 2010	NO GRAND ROUNDS
January 26, 2011	NO GRAND ROUNDS
February 23, 2011	“The Ethics of Stem Cell Research,” Ed Goldman, JD, Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology,
March 23, 2011	“ Case Studies in Ethics: NonCompliance and Duty to Care,” Andrew Barnosky, DO, MPH, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Chair of the Adult Ethics Committee,
April 27, 2011	“Severely Impaired Newborns - Guidelines for Prognostication and End-of-Life Decision Making for Newborns with Severe Neurologic Damage,” Naomi Laventhanl, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Neonatology
May 25, 2011	“Opening the Door to Dialogue: The Development of Departmental Ethics Grand Rounds,” Andrew G. Shuman, MD, Resident Surgeon, Department of Otolaryngology,
June 22, 2011	“Left Ventricular Assist Device Support: Would Darwin Approve?,” Jennifer Cowger, MD, Clinical Instructor, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine and Heart Failure & Cardiac Transplant, Department of Internal Medicine
July, 2011	NO GRAND ROUNDS
August 24 , 2011	“Bloodless Medicine and Surgery: Transfusion Options and What We Should be Doing for Our Patients,” Sarah Walton, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology
September 28, 2011	Title to be Announced - Maureen Giacomazza, Linda Strodtman and Ken Pitich, MD
October 26, 2011	Title to be Announced - Kathryn Moseley, MD, Pediatric Outpatient Ethics
November , 2011	NO GRAND ROUNDS
December 14, 2011	Title to be Announced - Randall Sung, MD

Individual Member Accomplishments

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Several Committee members have contributed sizable scholarly output in the field of clinical ethics and professionalism during the interval of this report. These members include Drs. Barnosky, Goold, Shuman, Smith, Ward, Zazove, Professors Baumgarten and DeVries, and Ms. Lyndale. Scholarly works include journal publications, textbook chapters, editorials, published essays, abstracts, and multiple invited extramural presentations. Additionally, many of these members have made considerable contributions to Medical School and house officer teaching in clinical ethics here at the University of Michigan. Detailed specifics and comprehensive bibliographies of these activities are available on separate documents.

Future Challenges

As the clinical ethics consultation service continues to experience increasing numbers of consults, Committee member participation in this labor-intensive exercise is periodically strained. It is a volunteer consult service, and members are on call 24/7 for two weeks at a time. While the Committee's consulting members continue to persevere, it is likely that the future will present a need to redesign this function and duty of Committee members.

Goals for Next Year

- Continue to sponsor Bioethics Grand Rounds each month.
- Continue to have a wide representation from the clinical departments, Nursing, Social Work, Legal Office, Compliance Office, House Officer Association, and from the community on the Committee.
- Continue to update Adult Ethics Brochure.
- Continue to update the Adult Ethics Committee website.
- Continue promoting enhanced awareness to the members of the medical staff and institution as to the benefit which the bioethics consult service may bring in the process of conflict resolution and mediation of ethical issues.
- Continue to respond to requests for bioethical consultations via an on-call system and review cases at monthly meetings.
- Continue the education of the Committee members in new and evolving issues of ethical importance.
- Continued participation in efforts designed to promote greater ethics education for housestaff and collectively direct the implementation of an ethics curriculum for housestaff in multiple academic departments
- Continue an active and enthusiastic engagement in future policy review requests and consultation requests which may be brought before the Committee.
- Research collaboration with the Medical Ethics Committee of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center on a comprehensive review of cancer-based clinical ethics consultations over the past five years, seeking opportunities to improve the quality and process of ethics consultation.
- Respond to frequent reports from nurses and residents who, wanting to act out of concern for patient welfare, fear negative consequences if they challenge treatment decisions. We aim to formulate recommendations for creating a climate of openness and respect for disagreement, including ways to evaluate physicians in this area.
- Begin discussion on institutional areas which have growing ethical concerns. Such areas include: allocation of scarce resources, the manner in which the technological imperative drives medical decision making, appropriate use of feeding tubes in individuals with late-stage dementia and terminal oncology diagnoses, charity care, community benefit, and the ethical aspects of informed choice for potential research subjects.

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The past year has again been an exciting and fruitful time for the Ethics Committee, and I remain sincerely appreciative and honored to work with such a fine group of committed individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

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