



West Virginia Network of Ethics Committees

34th Annual WVNEC Symposium **Moral Distress, COVID Ethical Challenges, and the New Urgency of Clinical Ethics in Patient Care**

May 6, 2022

Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m



Office of Continuing Medical Education
West Virginia University School of Medicine

Course Description

In 2021, one of the major challenges in healthcare was having the knowledge and skills to be able to address clinical ethical issues in patient care. Issues such as the following were a few of them: 1) how should we allocate the limited ICU beds, 2) on what basis should we decide who has priority for access to a limited number of vaccines (early in the year), 3) how can we accommodate infection control concerns and the humanity of no one dies alone, or 4) how should we respond to the moral distress of staff who are being required to provide care in a manner in which they are not comfortable. The 2022 WVNEC Annual Symposium will update participants on the ever-increasing importance of clinical ethics in patient care and research that sheds light on the need for ethics education by ethics committees in all settings—hospital, nursing home, hospice, and home health. Speakers and panelists at this symposium will present the profound role of moral distress in today's healthcare, role model how to analyze and contribute to the resolution of ethical issues in patient care, review the new research on ethics consultation, and recommend how attendees can help to meet the ethics education needs at their institutions.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the healthcare challenges and the ethical principles and processes to be considered in responding to current clinical ethical issues in patient care;
2. Describe the research on factors influencing ethics consultation in US hospitals, including small, non-teaching hospitals;
3. Identify, analyze, and contribute to the resolution of clinical ethical dilemmas;
4. Apply the new information from the symposium to create an ethics education approach for their institution;
5. Explain the 7-step process of ethical decision-making and the role of patient decision-making capacity in it;
6. Describe how to resolve conflict when the values of the treating team and patient/family clash; and
7. Identify ethical principles and healthcare law that provide a framework for decisions about withholding and withdrawing life-sustaining treatment.

Schedule

- 8:30 am Registration and Check-in
- 9:00 am **Ethics Consultation in Action, Case 1: The Patient Who Refuses Surgery for a Life-Threatening Condition But Wants CPR**
Panelists: Rev Jennifer Johnson, Laurel Lyckholm, MD, Suzanne Messenger, JD, Daniel Miller, PhD and Matthew Smith, MD
- 10:15 am **Keynote Talk: Approaching Moral Distress in Patient Care**
Laurel Lyckholm, MD
- 11:00 am **Q & A**
- 11:15 am **20th Anniversary of the West Virginia Health Care Decisions Act: Where Do We Stand?**
Alvin Moss, MD
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 12:30 pm **New Research on Ethics Committees: Doing More Ethics Consults Should Not Be Our Top Priority!**
Alvin Moss, MD
- 1:30 pm **Ethics Consultation in Action, Case 2: Mrs. T's Nurse Daughter Wants Life Support Stopped Immediately**
Panelists: Rev Jennifer Johnson, Laurel Lyckholm, MD, Suzanne Messenger, JD, Daniel Miller, PhD and Matthew Smith, MD
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm **Healthcare Ethical Challenges from the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons Learned**
Alvin Moss, MD and Symposium Faculty
- 3:30 pm **Annual WVNEC Business Meeting**
- 3:45 pm **Wrap-Up and Evaluation**
- 4:00 pm Adjourn

Course Credits

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the WVU School of Medicine and WV Network of Ethics Committees.

The WVU School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The WVU Office of CME designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This continuing education activity has been provided by the West Virginia University School of Nursing for 6.6 contact hours. The West Virginia University School of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing education by the State of West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, Legislative Rule §19CSR11-4 under provider number 50-26086.

This course is sponsored by the Center for Health Ethics and Law, Provider Number 490095, which is a Certified Provider of continuing education credits for social workers. This program has been awarded up to 5.5 hours of continuing education credit.

This program qualifies for a total of 6.3 credits under the West Virginia Rules for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education.

Target Audience: This conference is intended for people who serve on ethics committees, physicians, nurses, social workers, clergy, attorneys, community members of ethics committees and others who wish to increase their knowledge of ethical and legal issues in healthcare ethics consultation.

Disclosure: It has been determined that the content of this activity is not related to any products or services of any commercial interests, therefore, no evidence was gathered related to faculty / authors / planners' relationships with commercial interests.

Course Faculty and Panelists



Reverend Jennifer A. Johnson is Manager of the Pastoral Care Department at Cabell Huntington Hospital. She provides spiritual and emotional support to patients, families, and Cabell staff. Any day may find her attending to a trauma patient, facilitating communication between a patient and nurse, dealing with end of life issues for a palliative patient, offering comfort to grieving parents, or sharing an inspiring daily message to the hospital.



Laurie Lyckholm, MD is an academic hematologist/oncologist and palliative care specialist, a medical educator and a clinical bioethicist. She has been caring for people with serious illness for over 40 years. She has devoted her career raising awareness of the experience of marginalized people with cancer, including prisoners, people with low income, and people with mental illness. She is the Interim Chief of Hematology/Oncology at the WVU School of Medicine.



Suzanne Messenger, JD is a West Virginia's State Long-term Care Ombudsman. She advocates for long-term care residents in a variety of matters related to residential long-term care including resident rights, quality of care, payment, guardianship and conservatorship, powers of attorney, health care surrogate matters, end-of-life issues, and elder abuse and exploitation.



Daniel Miller, PhD is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Eberly College of Arts & Sciences at West Virginia University. His interests include ethics, moral psychology, and philosophy of action. He teaches courses in Problems of Philosophy, Current Moral Problems, Ethical Theory, Philosophy of Religion and Moral Responsibility. He is also a co-course director for the Health Care Ethics Courses for the first and second year medical students in the School of Medicine at WV University.



Alvin H. Moss, MD, FACP, FAAHPM is a Professor of Medicine, WVU School Medicine, Section of Geriatrics, Palliative Medicine, and Hospice. He has performed ethics consults for more than 30 years and taught about ethics consultation at the state and national level for more than 25 years. His research includes innovations to improve advance care planning and end-of-life care. He is the Director for the WVU Center for Health Ethics and Law and Executive Director of the WV Network of Ethics Committees.



Matthew Smith, MD, MS is an Associate Professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. He serves as the Director of Neurocritical Care and Chairs the Ethics Committee at West Virginia University Hospitals Ruby Memorial Hospital. He is a certified by the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities as a healthcare ethics consultant and was one of the first in West Virginia to earn this designation.

Registration

Registration Fee

WVNEC Members \$110.00

All Others \$140.00

Course Fee: Includes all conference materials, lunch, morning and afternoon breaks, and continuing education credits for those listed in the brochure.

WVNEC has a new eCommerce platform! We are now using the WVU eCommerce site which uses TouchNet Marketplace to process all credit card payments for our conference registrations. Payment is required in advance. There will be no registration at the door. **Cancellation policy:** Written cancellations must be received prior to April 5, 2022 and will be considered on a case-by-case basis and/or prorated. No refunds will be granted after the April 5 deadline. Substitutions are welcome. Please notify us of the change.

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On the main course website click on “Register for Event” for the symposium. Once you complete the online registration form you will be redirected to our NEW ecommerce payment page. Make sure to indicate your membership status on the payment page. WVNEC Members receive a registration discount. You will receive two confirmations, one for your registration and another once your payment for your registration has been processed.

NOTE: Registration confirmation will be sent to the attendee’s email. For group registration, the first attendee will receive the email confirmation for the group.

Stonewall Resort Room Reservations: Attendees can make room reservations at the following link: <https://be.synxis.com/?Hotel=35494&Chain=21123&arrive=5/5/2022&depart=5/6/2022&adult=1&child=0&group=721652> . The cutoff date to make a reservation is April 5th.

Questions: Contact Linda McMillen at wvneccourses@hsc.wvu.edu or 304-293-7618.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 22, 2022 or registration is full.