The Maryland Health Care Ethics Committee Network and The Center for Health & Homeland Security at the Law & Health Care Program (L&HCP) University of Maryland School of Law invite you to attend:

**The Ethics of Pandemic-Driven Health Care Resource Rationing**

Tuesday, October 27, 2009
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

University of Maryland School of Law
500 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

In Partnership with Harbor Hospital
The Ethics of Pandemic-Driven Health Care Resource Rationing

This conference explores the ethics of health care resource rationing in the context of the H1N1 flu pandemic. What ethical decision-making guidelines should inform distribution of limited access to masks, ventilators, vaccines and other medicines, and staff? How might a facility’s ethics committee collaborate with the disaster planning committee? What are best practices in this area? What legal standards apply? What resources are available at the local, state, and national levels? This conference will be of interest to health care ethics committee members and health care staff who have a role or interest in disaster planning at their institution.

The Maryland Healthcare Ethics Committee Network (MHECN) is a membership organization established by the Law & Health Care Program at the University of Maryland School of Law. Its purpose is to facilitate and enhance ethical reflection in all aspects of decision making in health care settings by supporting and providing informational and educational resources to ethics committees serving health care institutions in the State of Maryland. The Network works to achieve this goal by:

- serving as a resource to ethics committees as they investigate ethical dilemmas within their institution and as they strive to assist their institution function consistently with its mission statement;
- fostering communication and information sharing among Network members;
- providing educational programs for ethics committee members, other healthcare providers, and members of the general public on ethical issues in health care; and
- conducting research to improve the functioning of ethics committees and ultimately the care of patients in Maryland.
PROGRAM

1:00–1:10 p.m.
**Introductory Remarks**
Diane E. Hoffmann, J.D., M.S.

1:10–1:25 p.m.
**Update on H1N1**
Marita Mike, M.D., J.D.

1:25–1:45 p.m.
**Legal Updates**
Michael Greenberger, J.D.

1:45–2:15 p.m.
**Ethical Framework for Rationing and the Role of the Ethics Committee**
Diane E. Hoffmann, J.D., M.S.

2:15–2:30 p.m.
**Break**

2:30–3:00 p.m.
**Best Practices in Proactive Planning**
Dan Hanfling, M.D.

3:00–3:15 p.m.
**Q & A**

3:15–4:00 p.m.
**Case Discussion**
Evan DeRenzo, Ph.D. & Dan Hanfling, M.D.

4:00 p.m.
**Adjournment**

4:00–4:30 p.m.
**Reception**

Please visit [www.law.umaryland.edu/mhecn](http://www.law.umaryland.edu/mhecn) for updates about CMEs and CEUs available for this conference.
SPEAKERS

Evan DeRenzo, Ph.D., Evan DeRenzo, Ph.D., Bioethicist
Center for Ethics, Washington Hospital Center, MedStar Health

Michael Greenberger, J.D., Director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security
University of Maryland and Professor at the School of Law.

Dan Hanfling, M.D., Medical Director at Inova Fairfax Hospital Emergency
Department and System Chair of the Disaster Response Committee
Chair, the Inova Fairfax Altered Standards of Care Committee

Diane E. Hoffmann, J.D., M.S., is Associate Dean of Academic Programs,
Director of the Law & Health Care Program, and Professor of Law
University of Maryland School of Law.

Marita Mike, M.D., J.D., Health Director
University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security.
DIRECTIONS & PARKING

· From the South Via I-95: From I-95, take I-395 (downtown Baltimore) and exit onto Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, staying in the right lane. At the fourth traffic light, turn right onto Baltimore Street. Turn left at the second traffic light onto Paca Street (get into right lane) and enter the Baltimore Grand Garage (visitors’ parking) on the right.
· From the South Via 295: Take 295 (Baltimore-Washington Parkway) to its end. As it enters Baltimore, it becomes Russell Street, then Paca Street. The Baltimore Grand Garage is two blocks beyond Lombard Street on the right.
· From the South Via I-97: Take I-97 North to 695 West to 295 North and follow directions from the south via 295.
· From the North: Take I-95 South to 695 West to 83 South. Continue on 83 to its end, past exit 1 (Fayette Street). Make a right onto Lombard Street (continue through town for about one mile), turn right onto Paca Street. The Baltimore Grand Garage is two blocks up on the right.
· From the East: Take I-95 South or I-895 South to I-395 (downtown Baltimore) and follow directions from the south via I-95.
· From the West: Take I-70 East to 695 South to I-95 North. From I-95, take I-395 (downtown Baltimore) and follow directions from the south via I-95.

The law school is directly across the street from the Baltimore Grand Garage, at the corner of Paca and Baltimore Streets. Parking fees are the responsibility of the participants.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you require special accommodations to attend or participate, please provide information about your requirements to Mary Barnes at 410-706-2088 (1-800-735-2258 TTY/Voice) at least five business days in advance of the activity.
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Please complete and return registration form and check to:
Lu Ann Marshall, University of Maryland School of Law,
500 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201-1786
or register online at www.law.umaryland.edu/mhecn (click on “conferences”)

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