

**The Maryland Health Care Ethics Committee Network  
at the Law & Health Care Program (L&HCP)  
University of Maryland School of Law**

*invites you to attend:*

**FINE TUNING CLINICAL  
ETHICS CONSULTATION**

**A WORKSHOP FOR HEALTH CARE ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Introducing the Veterans Health Administration's "Beyond the Basics"  
Curriculum from the National Center for Ethics in Health Care*

**Monday, June 8, 2009**

**8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Franklin Square Hospital  
9000 Franklin Square Drive  
Baltimore, MD**

*Jointly sponsored by:*

**Maryland Health Care Ethics Committee Network  
*and*  
Franklin Square Hospital Center**

## FINE TUNING CLINICAL ETHICS CONSULTATION

This one-day workshop focuses on select aspects of clinical ethics consultation (CEC) that influence the quality of CEC in health care facilities. MHECN is collaborating with the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA's) National Center for Ethics in Health Care for this workshop to present state-of-the-art materials to hone clinical ethics consultation skills. Attendees will review the following CEC skills, and will apply concepts learned through simulated activities performed during the workshop sessions: preempting misconceptions about the role of a clinical ethics consultant, clarifying the values uncertainties or conflicts giving rise to an ethics consultation request, defusing conflict in a formal CEC meeting, and avoiding group think. The intended audience for this workshop is health care ethics committee members who are involved in ethics consultation. Skills learned in this workshop can also be shared with individuals at attendees' home institutions to enhance ethics consult skills among others in the ethics consultation service.

**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.

## AGENDA

8:15 – 8:45 am

Continental breakfast, registration

8:45 – 9:00 am

Introductory remarks

*Diane E. Hoffmann, J.D., M.S.*

9:00 – 10:30 am

Preempting common misconceptions  
about the role of an ethics consultant  
(a VHA “Beyond the Basics” Module)

*Anita J. Tarzian, Ph.D., R.N.*

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Clarifying the values uncertainties or  
conflicts giving rise to the ethics  
consultation request (a VHA “Beyond  
the Basics” Module)

*Ellen E. Fox, M.D.*

12:15 – 1:15 pm

Lunch

1:15 – 2:45 pm

Using the beginning of a formal  
meeting to defuse conflict (a VHA  
“Beyond the Basics” Module)

*Diane E. Hoffmann, J.D., M.S.*

2:45 – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Avoiding “group think”

*Edmund G. Howe, M.D., J.D.*

4:00 pm

Adjournment

For updates about CMEs  
and CEUs available for this  
conference, please visit  
[www.law.umaryland.edu/mhecncn](http://www.law.umaryland.edu/mhecncn)  
(click on “conferences”).

## FACULTY

*Ellen E. Fox*, M.D., is the Chief Officer for Ethics in Health Care at the National Center for Ethics in Healthcare at the Veterans Health Administration.

*Edmund G. Howe*, M.D., J.D., is Professor of Psychiatry and the Director of the Programs in Ethics at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD.

*Diane E. Hoffmann*, J.D. M.S., is Professor of Law, Associate Dean of Academic Programs, and Director of the Law & Health Care Program at the University of Maryland School of Law. She is also the founder of the Maryland Health Care Ethics Committee Network.

*Anita J. Tarzian*, Ph.D., R.N., is an Ethics and Research Consultant in Baltimore, Maryland, and the MHECN Program Coordinator.

## DIRECTIONS

**From the North**, take I-95 South to I-695 East towards Essex. Go one mile on I-695 to Exit 34. Turn left onto Philadelphia Road. Proceed to the third traffic signal and turn left onto Rossville Boulevard. Then turn right onto Franklin Square Drive.

**From the South**, take I-95 North through the Fort McHenry Tunnel. Take Exit 64A onto I-695 East. Proceed one mile on I-695 to Exit 34. Turn left onto Philadelphia Road. Proceed to the third traffic signal and turn left onto Rossville Boulevard. Then turn right onto Franklin Square Drive.

Free parking is available. Look for “Event” signs directing you where to park. Follow signs to the Kotzen Auditorium.

## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in this CME activity, please provide information about your requirements to Lu Ann Marshall at (410) 706-4128 or (1-800-735-2258 TTY/voice) at least 5 business days in advance.

## REGISTRATION FORM

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](http://www.law.umaryland.edu/mhecn)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND”

### Registration Fee (conference, materials and meals):

	Before May 31	After May 31
MHECN Member	\$80	\$90
Non-member	\$100	\$110
Franklin Square Hospital Staff	\$40	\$50
Full-time Student or Resident	\$40	\$50

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Special Dietary Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Online registration will be confirmed by email and tickets will be held at the door. You may confirm reservations sent through the mail by calling 410-706-4128 or by emailing [lmarschal@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:lmarschal@law.umaryland.edu).

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