

Committee *Membership*

The multi-disciplinary Medical Ethics Committees consists of physicians, nurses, chaplains, and a representative from administration, case management, pastoral care, Hospice, Quality, and the local community.

Case Reviews

The Medical Ethics Committees decide which cases are appropriate for a consultation. Once a case is accepted for a consultation, the Medical Ethics Committee discusses it at its next scheduled meeting unless the urgency of the case warrants a meeting before that time. Emergency cases are reviewed by the Committee within 24-48 hours. Following all case reviews, the Chair of the Medical Ethics Committee or designee will notify all parties involved of the committee's recommendations.

Meetings

The Medical Ethics Committee meets regularly throughout the year.

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Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301

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Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303

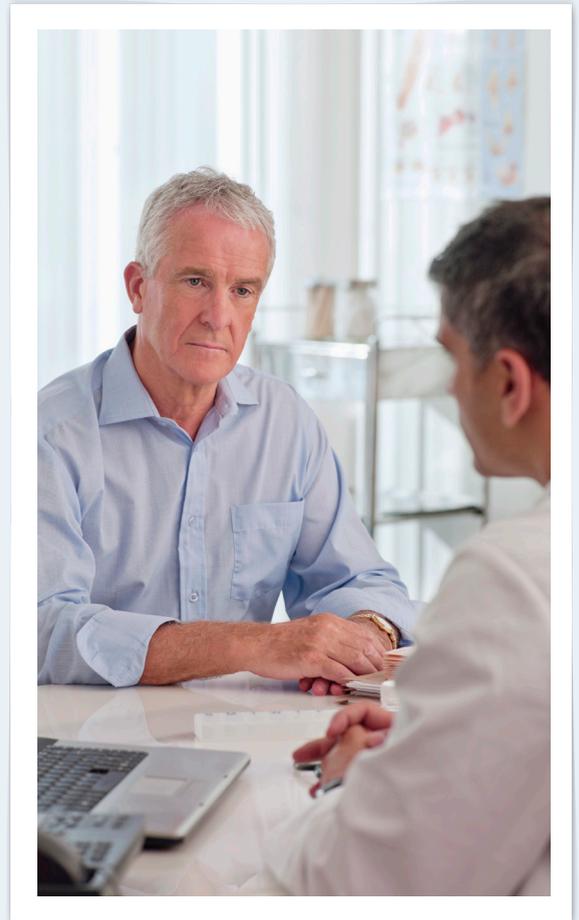
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Hospital 3100 Superior Ave.
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

HSHS St. Clare
Memorial Hospital 855 S. Main St.
Oconto Falls, Wisconsin 54154

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Do you have a Question for the *Medical Ethics Committee?*



Addressing Ethical Questions
and Concerns for Patients,
Families, and Staff

one family



“In a time of new medical discoveries, rapid technological developments, and social change, what is new can either be an opportunity for genuine advance in human culture, or it can lead to policies and actions that are contrary to the true dignity and vocation of the human person. In consultation with medical professionals, church leaders review these developments, judge them according to the principles of right reason and the ultimate standard of revealed truth, and offer authoritative teaching and guidance about the moral and pastoral responsibilities entailed by the Christian faith.”

Taken from the General Introduction of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services Fifth Edition, Revised 2009

Background

Medical Ethics Committees are a valuable part of our HSHS history as we carry forth Christ's healing mission. HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital Ethics Committee started in 1986; HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center started in 1987; HSHS St. Vincent Hospital started in 1988; St. Mary's and St. Vincent joined as one committee in 2009; and HSHS St. Clare Memorial joined St. Mary's and St. Vincent committee in 2014. The Medical Ethics Committees are advisory and help patients, families and health care professionals examine issues in light of the teachings of the Catholic Church and our HSHS mission.

Purpose

The purpose of the Medical Ethics Committees are fourfold:

- To serve as a resource in the development, review, revision and implementation of policies that have medical ethical implications.
- To provide a consultation process, support, and information to those assisting patients and families.
- To further education in healthcare ethics among the members of the Ethics Committee, medical and hospital staffs, and the community served by the hospitals.

- To ensure compliance with the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services.

Referrals

Referrals to the Medical Ethics Committees are open to patients, families, hospital staff and physicians seeking guidance on medical ethical situations.

How to ***Access***

You may access the Medical Ethics Committee in one of four ways by contacting:

- Chris Brabant, President and CEO,
St. Clare Memorial Hospital
(920) 846-4581
- Medical Ethics Committee Chairs:
Dr. Geff Cavallin for HSHS St. Mary's, HSHS St. Vincent and HSHS St. Clare's. Let the Director, Spiritual Care know of your desire to speak with the Ethic's Chair.
- Any Member of the Ethics Committees