

Difficult Decisions in Clinical Practice

A Practical Guide to

Clinical Ethics

for Clinicians, Managers & Clinical Ethics
Committee Members

Wednesday 27 January 2016 Hallam Conference Centre, London



Chair and speakers include:

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“Clinical ethics is a practical discipline that provides a structured approach to assist clinicians in identifying, analyzing and resolving ethical issues in clinical medicine”
University of Washington School of Medicine, Sept 2014

Chaired by **Christopher Fincken, Chair, The UK Council of Caldicott Guardians** this conference will take a practical approach to managing difficult decisions in clinical practice through applying the principles of clinical ethics. The conference will take a case study approach, the event will not give the answers to ethical dilemmas but rather enable delegates to develop a structured approach to ethical decision making in clinical practice. Case studies will look at Integrating ethical decision making into everyday clinical practice, principles and practice of Ethical Decision Making, how clinical ethics relates to the law, confidentiality and the role of the Caldicott Guardian, Decision making for patient choice, autonomy and best interests, refusal of treatment, a framework for ethical decision making, clinical ethics in safeguarding and clinical ethics at the end of life.

The conference will also look at the developing the role of Clinical Ethics Committee, and how to develop your skills to support clinical ethics committee in your NHS Trust.

“Clinical ethics committees are advisory groups who support health professionals, and in some cases patients and family members, in considering the ethical dimension of patient care either at an individual case level or more generally within the Trust.” UK Clinical Ethics Network

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10.00 Chair's introduction

Christopher Fincken

Chair

The UK Council of Caldicott Guardians

10.10 EXTENDED SESSION: Integrating ethical decision making into everyday clinical practice Principles and practice of Ethical Decision Making

Representative

UK Clinical Ethics Network

- ethical decision making in clinical practice
- making difficult decisions: understanding conflicting ethical principles
- integrating clinical ethics into clinical decision making

11.00 Decision making for patient choice, autonomy and best interests Case study: Refusal of treatment

Dr Franco Moscuzza

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- decision making for patient choice and autonomy
- the clinicians role to inform decision making
- case study: refusal of treatment

11.30 Question and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition at 11.40

12.00 The relationship between legal and ethical issues

Dr Carolyn Johnston

Senior Lecturer in Law, Kingston University and Adviser in Medical Law & Ethics, GKT School of Medical Education, King's College London
Member, Clinical Ethics Committees at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust and Vice Chair, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Clinical Ethics Advisory Group.

- law and ethics in clinical practice
- key areas where law & ethics interrelate
- addressing the gaps between theory, law and the reality of care: issues we have addressed in practice

12.30 Support for difficult decisions: Developing the role of the Clinical Ethics Committee

Dr Joe Brierley

Co-Chair (Clinical), Clinical Ethics Committee
Consultant in Paediatric Intensive Care
Great Ormond Street Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

- why we developed the multidisciplinary clinical ethics committee
- membership, education, case consultation and guideline development
- an overview of our committee, issues we have faced, and guidelines we have developed at Great Ormond Street

13.00 Questions and answers, followed by lunch and exhibition at 13.10

14.00 Ethical decision making, confidentiality & information sharing: The role of the Caldicott Guardian

Christopher Fincken

Chair

The UK Council of Caldicott Guardians

- current ethical issues for the Caldicott Guardian
- ethical decision making and managing disagreement between Caldicott Guardians
- ethical decision making around breaching confidentiality to protect others
- moving forward: current and future issues

14.30 Developing a framework for ethical decision making

Jim Baxter

Professional Ethics Development Officer
Inter-Disciplinary Ethics Applied
Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
University of Leeds

- developing a framework for ethical decision making
- a guide to multidisciplinary ethical team decision making
- a checklist for ethical decision making
- worked through examples in practice
- dealing with different opinions, and seeking external advice

15.00 Questions and answers, followed by tea and exhibition at 15.10

15.30 Ethical decision making in Adult Safeguarding

Andy Butler

Principal Social Worker (Adults)
Surrey County Council

- unwise decisions or unacceptable risk?
- balancing the right to self-determination with statutory duties to safeguard adults at risk
- whose decision is it anyway? - what happens when professionals do not agree?
- case study: responding to self neglect

16.00 Palliative care and treatment withdrawal, based upon need and not

Dr Adrian Treloar

Consultant and Senior Lecturer in Old Age Psychiatry
Older Peoples' Mental Health Services
Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust

- withholding & withdrawing treatment: ethical and legal issues
- involving the patients, and the carers in difficult decisions
- learning from claims & cases

17.00 Questions and answers, followed by close at 17.10

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