

**The Canadian Bioethics Society's
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(1) The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute

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They have a brochure

About the Centre

- The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute came about as a result of discussions, dating back to 1998, among some Toronto-area physicians, lawyers, and ethicists at the three Catholic hospitals of Toronto, University of St. Michael's College, Regis College, St. Augustine's Seminary, and the Canadian Association of the

Order of Malta. In February 2000, the group submitted a proposal for the CCBI to the Archdiocese of Toronto. In March 2001, the Institute became formally affiliated with the University of Toronto through the University of St. Michael's College.

- The CCBI officially opened on November 16, 2002, with the support of many Canadian bishops, national Catholic lay organizations and academics from across the country
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) the centre ranks their core priorities in terms of importance as follows:
 - Research ethics (1)
 - Continuing education in bioethical concerns and dialogue with other similar centres (2)
 - Resource centre for health care workers (3)
 - Resource centre for groups such as the Canadian Catholic bishops in their teaching and pastoral capacities (4)
 - Outreach to the public, especially to the various Catholic communities seeking to expand their knowledge of current issues within the context of Catholic teaching (5)

Mandate

- This group felt that it would be helpful to create a centre or institute to help enhance Catholic research and communications in the area of bioethics in a way that would be of service to Canadians generally. In particular, it was felt that there was a need to foster collaborative, integrated research and to communicate the fruits of that research in ways that are accessible to Canadians of all backgrounds. The group also stressed the need for a proactive approach to bioethics by Catholics, academically credible research, and stronger links across the country among academics, clinical ethicists, and workers in health and pastoral care.
- CCBI's goals are threefold:
 1. To foster collaboration among leading thinkers from diverse fields related to bioethics and to integrate scientific, religious and societal perspectives.
 2. To encourage the Catholic laity and other Canadians who share a concern for humanizing healthcare to contribute to societal decisions on important bioethical issues through communication of its work in both academic and popular media
 3. To work with similar think-tanks located around the world to address bioethical issues of global concern

Research

- The CCBI sponsors focused research projects that relate to human reproduction, genetics and health economics, gathers information for a national database of resources in Catholic bioethics, and consolidates the advice of national taskforces that are helping to form a research strategy and a mission and vision for the CCBI.
- A successful first research think tank, called Quodlibet 2002, was held June 10-13, 2002 in Guelph, Ontario on "Human Genetics in the Context of Health Care Reform". It involved forty scholars from across Canada and the U.S. The proceedings will be submitted for publication to the University of Toronto Press.
- On July 26, 2002, the CCBI and the Order of Malta sponsored an international meeting of three hundred enthusiastic university students for a discussion of "Catholic Bioethics: Building a Culture of Life" during World Youth Day 2002.
- In June, 2004, the CCBI 's Quodlibet analyzed the recent teaching of Pope John

Paul II on Artificial Nutrition and Hydration. A paper is in press at the National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly (USA) explaining the ethical framework of that teaching and its implications for health care.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The Centre is involved in ethics consultations in many areas, as questions arise. Hospital based ethics consultation is done indirectly through the work of the clinical ethicists who are associated with the Centre, and use the Centre for analysis and clarification of ethical concerns

Education/Training Offered

- The Centre sponsors annual lectures, and monthly Colloquia on a specific theme. The latter are open to interested professionals and others, on application to the Centre and are led by experts in the given topic. The colloquia may be used for credit through the College of Family Physicians, etc. Centre members give frequent talks and seminars to public groups and take part in media discussions.

Public Outreach

- Their lectures are public, and are advertised as such. The colloquia are also open to those with a specific interest in the subject matter.

Future Direction

- The Centre plans to concentrate on concerns surrounding stem cell research and its various applications, as well as researching ongoing concerns about the treatment of the frail elderly in our health care systems.

Human Resources

- Their Staff includes:
 1. CCBI Director: **Moira McQueen**, LL.B., M. Div., Ph.D. (*Interdisciplinary aspects of theology, medicine and law applied to ethical decision making and public policy*)
 2. **Professor Joseph Boyle**, Ph.D. (*research includes Thomistic ethics, natural law theory and bioethics*).
 3. Administrator: **Jo-Anne Jackson-Thorne**, B.A. (*Her general areas of interest include Anthropology and continuing medical education (CME) programmes for health care professionals*).
 4. Other research positions (two) are currently being negotiated.

Sources of Funding

- Under the direction of Cardinal Ambrozic, the Archdiocese of Toronto agreed to provide sufficient funds to organize the CCBI, to fund its activity during the first year, and to provide significant annual support thereafter.
- The Centre continues to receive funding from the Archdiocese of Toronto and several other dioceses, as well as from lay groups and individuals. Other sources are being sought.

(2) Centre de Recherche en Droit Public (CRDP), Université de Montréal

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- Brochure to come

About the Centre

- The Public Law Research Centre (CRDP) is the oldest research centre of the University of Montreal. It was founded in 1961 under the name "Institut de recherche en droit public" and was officially inaugurated on February 26, 1962. It is part of the Faculty of Law. In 1971, the institution took the name "Centre de recherche en droit public" (Public Law Research Centre) (CRDP).

Mandate

- The scientific orientation of the research at the Centre is well captured in the formula "Production and action of the law through technological development and social change". It encompasses the three streams of research that have been explored for the past several years: biotechnology, information technology and communications, legal theory and social change. The Centre seeks to stimulate the integration of the areas of research through joint research combining elements of the technological streams with theories developed within the theory stream. A fourth area of research was added to accommodate the transfer of knowledge regarding governance to certain countries.

Research

- Major areas of research include:
 1. Life Science Technologies and Health Law
 2. Information Technology and Law
 3. Theories of Law and Social Change
 4. Genetics and Society Project

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- Some CRDP researchers play an important role as consultant in health care. Others work on Ethical Review Boards as lawyer, ethicist or are asked to give conferences on subjects linked to health.

Education/Training Offered

- They offer master programs in:
 1. Law, Biotechnology and Society
 2. Information Technology Law

Public Outreach

- The CRDP organize many activities. For example, here are some activities organized by the « Droit des technologies de la vie et de la santé » area of research

2004-2005 Conferences of the Canadian Research Chair in Law and medicine

Septembre 13, 2004

"La génomique et l'industrie des biotechnologies" by Mr. Grégory Bénichou, Professor in ethics and biotechnologies, ESSEC, France;

Octobre 4, 2004

"La génomique et la vie socioéconomique: assurance et employ" by Mr. Yves Millette,

Vice-Président, Affaires québécoises, Association des compagnies d'assurance de personnes (CLHIA).

Octobre 20, 2004

"La génomique et la santé publique: quel public?" by Mr. Christian Hervé, Professor and Director of « Laboratoire d'éthique médicale, de droit de la santé et de santé publique », Paris

Octobre 22, 2004 Special seminar in collaboration with "Centre de recherche en droit public (CRDP)", « La vie privée, la propriété, la personnalité : doivent-elles être liées? », by Greame Laurie, Law Professor at the University of Édimburgh (Scotland) and co-director of the Arts and Humanities Research Board (AHRB) Research Centre for Studies in Intellectual Property and Technology Law (Édimbourg, Écosse). Information: pierre.noreau@umontreal.ca.

Novembre 3, 2004

"La génomique, évaluation et services de santé" by Mr. Réinaldo N. Battista, Director – Health Administration Department, Faculty of medicine, Université de Montréal.

Janvier 19, 2005 "La génomique et le citoyen", by Mr. Hubert Doucet, Professor and Director of Bioethics Programs, Université de Montréal.

February 16, 2005 "La génomique et l'éthique internationale", by Mrs Michèle S. Jean, Présidente du Comité International de Bioéthique (CIB), UNESCO

March 16, 2005

"La génomique: bilan et perspectives" by Mr. Henri MBulu, post-doctorant, CRDP, Université de Montréal

As part of the "Dix-septièmes Entretiens du Centre Jacques-Cartier" (October 7-8, 2004)

- «Allocations des ressources en santé : enjeux, perspectives et choix éthiques et bioéthiques», UQAM (Pavillon Judith-Jasmin). Information: <http://www.humgen.umontreal.ca/conf/allocationssante/index.cfm>
- «Oncogénétique: réalisations et défis». Information: http://www.humgen.umontreal.ca/cjc/fr/index_new.htm

December 2-3, 2004

« La recherche en génétique et en génomique : droits et responsabilités », Loews Hôtel Vogue Montréal. Information : www.humgen.umontreal.ca/genconsult

Future Direction

- Research teams are working in moving areas so, there is always a new project emerging.

Human Resources

- Their leadership include:
 1. **Pierre Noreau**, Director of the CRDP, (His general areas of research include Legal Theories and Sociology of Law).
 2. **Karim Benyekhlef**, Professor-Researcher, (His general areas of research include International Law, Information Law, and Cyberspace Law).
 3. **Jacques Frémont**, (His general areas of research include Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, and Formalization of Law).
 4. **Ysolde Gendreau**, Professor-Researcher, (Her general area of research is in

- Intellectual Property Law).
5. **Bartha Maria Knoppers**, Professor-Researcher, (Her general areas of research include Human Rights Law, Genetics, Children and the Law and Comparative Law).
 6. **André Lajoie**, Professor-Researcher, (Her general areas of research include Constitutional Law, Legal Theories, and Health Law).
 7. **Thérèse Leroux**, Professor-Researcher, (Her general areas of research include Health Law and Biotechnologies Law).
 8. **Ejan Mackaay**, Professor-Researcher, (His general areas of research include Legal Theories, Civil Law, and New Technologies Law).
 9. **Patrick A. Molinaro**, Professor-Researcher, (His general areas of research include Administrative Law, Human Rights Law, Health Law and the Health Care System).
 10. **Daniel Poulin**, Professor-Researcher, (His general area of research is in Information Technology and the Law).
 11. **Guy Rocher**, Professor-Researcher, (His general areas of research include Sociology of Law, and Health Sociology).
 12. **Pierre Trudel**, Professor-Researcher, (His general areas of research include Intellectual Property Law, Cyberspace Law, Audiovisual Law, and Media Law).
 13. **Denise Avard**, Researcher, (Her general areas of research include Genetics and Biotechnologies Law).
 14. **Béatrice Godard**, Researcher, (Her general interest is in Professional Responsibilities)
 15. **Michel Coutu**, Adjunct Research, (His general areas of research include Human Rights Law, Legal Theories and Sociology of Law).
 16. **Claude Laberge**, Adjunct Researcher, (CARTaGENE)
 17. **Michèle S. Jean**, Researcher (President of Bioethics Committee, UNESCO)

Sources of Funding

- The CRDP is funded via two main sources: 1) the CÉDAR (Comité d'étude et d'administration de la recherche and 2) the FORSC (Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture).

(3) University of British Columbia's W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics

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- Their website is <http://www.ethics.ubc.ca>
- The centre has a brochure.

About the Centre

- Created in 1993, the W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics (CAE) is an independent unit in the Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

Mandate

- The Mission of the CAE is to bring moral philosophy into the public domain by advancing research in applied ethics, supporting courses with a significant ethical component, and acting as a community resource.
- Primarily an interdisciplinary research centre, the CAE:
 1. Studies a diverse range of topics, including health care practices, business and professional procedures, new information technologies and environmental

issues including animal welfare, and ethical issues surrounding the use of animals in agriculture, biomedical research, and other areas.

2. Trains in the theories and methods of ethics and political economy, a robust knowledge of the subject matter (e.g., medicine, commerce, environmental science), as well as supporting expertise in social science research methodologies.
3. Plays an active role in facilitating the creation and operation of multidisciplinary research projects, as well as the training of new researchers by directly involving graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in its projects.
4. Consults for private, public, and not-for-profit institutions and groups.

Research

- Dr. Peter Danielson (Director) develops and deploys computational (evolutionary and agent-based) and other modeling techniques to problems of ethical mechanism design: adapting social conventions (moralities) to technology driven change. Research projects include Modeling Ethical Mechanisms (SSHRC), NERD (a part of Democracy, Ethics and Genomics: Consultation, Deliberation and Modelling, funded by Genome Canada) and new proposals to model norms for the Canada blood supply system and develop visualizers and democratic mechanisms for complex quantitative and qualitative data. In the NERD research project, Dr. Danielson leads a research team studying the social norms governing technological change. The team is developing computer-based instruments to help model dynamic norms, as well as to make ethics more democratic (see www.yourviews.ubc.ca).
- Dr. Michael McDonald's work is located at the intersection of theory and practice in health care, business and professional life, politics, and other aspects of everyday life. He has written on such topics as the ethics of research involving human subjects, cross-cultural ethics, the rights of communities, professional and corporate responsibility, and the place of applied ethics in contemporary society. His current interests include the ethics of research involving humans, cross-cultural health care ethics, and most recently the governance or oversight of Canadian health research involving human subjects.
- Dr. Michael Burgess' research project, Democracy, Ethics and Genomics: Consultation, Deliberation and Modelling, funded by Genome Canada, uses, among other things, qualitative and ethical and public consultation methods to assess issues raised by genetic and genomic knowledge and biotechnology, including the role of public consultation in governing genomics (see <http://gels.ethics.ubc.ca>). Proposed research includes developing models for integrating public-social-ethical analysis in genomics, approaches to privacy and consent in data and tissue banks, and collective perspectives on policy and genomics.
- Dr. Susan Cox specializes in medical sociology, bioethics and qualitative health research. Her current research investigates 'appropriate' uses of genetic information in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of adult onset conditions (*i.e.*, Huntington Disease, Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease, and Rheumatoid Arthritis). Other research interests include disability studies, interpersonal communication, narrative, the role of social science methodology in ethical analysis and the uses of theatre as a tool for engaging the public in dialogue on ethical issues.
- Drs. David Fraser and Daniel Weary are cross-appointed in the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and jointly hold an NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Animal Welfare as part of the UBC Animal Welfare Program. The Program's

research involves farm, laboratory, companion and wild animals with special emphasis on methods to assess animal well-being and improved housing and husbandry of animals, as described on the Program's website at <http://www.agsci.ubc.ca/animalwelfare/>.

- Dr. David Fraser's recent research has involved studying the behaviour of sows and piglets in relation to birth, lactation, and weaning. At UBC he and Dr. Dan Weary have launched a wide-ranging Animal Welfare Program. Dr. Fraser is also working with students and specialists in philosophy and the social sciences to study how the welfare of animals is affected by cultural and economic factors, the law, and international trade.
- Dr. Dan Weary's work in the Animal Welfare Program focuses on developing behavioural and other non-invasive measures for the objective assessment of aspects of animal well-being. He is especially interested in dairy cattle and the welfare issues important in this species. In particular, he is pursuing work on improving housing for both the lactating cow and the young calf, reducing the stress of separation on both the cow and calf, lessening the impact of weaning on calves, and reducing the pain and distress experienced during dehorning and other procedures.
- Dr. Walter Glannon is Clinical Ethicist at the [Children's and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia](#) and Assistant Professor at the CAE. Previously he was Assistant Professor in the Biomedical Ethics Unit at McGill University and Clinical Ethicist at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. His research interests include ethical issues in organ transplantation, genetics, medical research, and neuroscience. In philosophy he has published on free will and the metaphysics of life and death.
- There are several post-doctoral fellows and doctoral candidates in the Centre each year as well as visiting scholars.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The centre consults for private, public, and not-for profit institutions and groups.
- The work of the Centre does include hospital based consultation and consultation to other sectors in health care. See the material on Dr. Walter Glannon (above). As well, both Drs. Burgess and McDonald have been engaged in consultative work for various health care and health research organizations, agencies and institutions.

Training/Education Offered

- The CAE, which is primarily a research institute, does not itself grant degrees or certificates. However, the centre's faculty teaches a variety of applied ethics courses each year, primarily in the [Individual Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program \(IISGP\)](#) and such departments or programs as [Medical Genetics](#) and [Animal Welfare](#). Those interested in graduate work in applied ethics under guidance of CAE faculty may enrol through Individual Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program or through a departmental graduate program such as those in Nursing, Law, or Philosophy.
- The CAE and Dalhousie University's Departments of Bioethics and Philosophy are inviting applications for Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellowships in a multi-year training program, the Ethics of Health Research and Policy (www.ethicstraining.ca), to train people in new skills and areas related to research ethics and health policy. Sponsored by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research, the Michael Smith Health Research Foundation and the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, the objective of the Ethics of Health Research and Policy program is to train the next generation of ethicists for public and

private sector policy-making bodies, research institutions and organizations, and universities. Through this program, students will be able to work across disciplines engaged in health research and policy, bringing an in-depth understanding of alternative ways to frame ethical issues and the relevance of context to practical decision-making.

Public Outreach

- During term time the CAE normally conducts open colloquia on a bi-weekly basis. Speakers include members of the centre and visiting scholars. Such events, as well as the centre's public addresses, workshops, media appearances, working papers, and reports on our activities and general ethics news, are announced on the CAE's website (www.ethics.ubc.ca), in UBC Reports, in the CAE newsletter, and through the Centre's "Ethics-Events" electronic mailing list.
- In the animal welfare field, Drs. Fraser and Weary have an active program of extension to the veterinary, animal protection and animal user communities, and provide advice on animal welfare standards to a wide range of national and international organizations.

Future Direction

- Several new research projects in the areas of faculty expertise are currently in the planning stages.

Human Resources

- The Centre's Faculty includes:
 1. Dr. Peter Danielson, Mary & Maurice Young Professor and Director
 2. Dr. Michael McDonald, Maurice Young Chair of Applied Ethics
 3. Dr. Michael Burgess, Chair in Biomedical Ethics
 4. Dr. Susan M. Cox, Assistant Professor and Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar
 5. Dr. Walter Glannon, Assistant Professor (and Clinical Ethicist, Children's and Women's Health Centre of BC)
 6. Dr. Edwin Levy, Adjunct Professor, Ethics and Science
 7. Dr. David Fraser, Senior Research Fellow (and Professor, Department of Agricultural Sciences)
 8. Dr. Daniel M. Weary, NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Animal Welfare and Professor, Agro-ecology, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Sources of Funding

- The CAE has received generous endowment funds, mostly donated during UBC's World of Opportunity Campaign, and university funds which enable it to support UBC Faculty and Staff, as well as visiting scholars. They also make special note of the considerable support from W. Maurice Young LL.D. and the Bentall Foundation who made possible the creation of the CAE. Dr. Cox's position is supported by the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research.
- Faculty research has been supported by such agencies as Genome Canada, CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC, and the Law Commission of Canada as well as voluntary associations such as the Huntington Society of Canada and the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

(4) Centre for Clinical Ethics

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- They have a brochure.

About the Centre

- In 1982 the Sisters of St. Joseph established this Clinical Ethics Service jointly sponsored by Providence Healthcare, St. Joseph's Health Centre and St. Michael's Hospital, three Catholic institutions which serve the Toronto area. The first ethics service of its kind in Canada has grown over the years and today is known as the *Centre for Clinical Ethics*.
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) the centre ranks their core priorities in terms of importance as follows: Clinical 5; education 5; organizational 4; research 3; policy 3
- They are affiliated with the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics

Mandate

- The mandate of the Centre for Clinical Ethics is to enable members of the health care community to identify and resolve ethical issues which arise in the clinical setting. They do this through education, case consultations, policy development, and research. As a faith based Centre, they are committed to the core values of the three supporting institutions and to broadening the understanding of the role that faith plays in the questions which confront people in their search for healing.

Research

- The Centre serves on the Advisory Board of the following Research Projects:
 1. Identifying Mental Health Issues among New Immigrant Communities (Tamils) in Canada done under the Direction of Dr. Morton Beiser, Program Director, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health - J. Chandrakanthan
 2. New Canadian Children and Youth study under the auspices of Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and Health Canada Directed by Dr. Abbey Wokku - Dr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
- Staff continue to be involved in researching and developing policies and position papers, such as:
 1. Position Paper on CPR, DNR, for Patients in Long-Term Palliative Care
 2. End of Life Decisions Guidelines
 3. Code of Ethics/Philosophy of Care
 4. Advance Directive Brochure
 5. Compassionate Care Guidelines
 6. Cardiac Arrest Policy
 7. Policy on Information and Data Security
 8. Withdrawal/Withholding of Treatment Guidelines
 9. Consent and Capacity
 10. Ethical Issues that arise in the context of Public Health Emergencies (duty to care, visitor policies, privacy)

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- This centre enables members of the health care community to identify and resolve ethical issues which arise in the clinical setting. The *Centre for Clinical Ethics* provides consultative services to patients, families, hospital staff, volunteers, and students on a wide range of ethical issues across the life-span. Any patient, family member, staff member, volunteer, or student can request a consult. Frequently encountered issues include value conflicts around decisions such as withholding or withdrawing treatment, consent and capacity, resource

allocation, and organizational ethics. In addition to responding to specific consult requests (100s per year), Centre staff regularly attend multi-disciplinary rounds on a variety of units across the three settings. Centre staff are also involved in the development and review of clinical policies and guidelines that have an ethical component.

Education/Training Offered

- The Centre for Clinical Ethics provides regular Ethics Education sessions for medical and non-medical hospital staff, students and volunteers by way of Monthly Grand Rounds and weekly Unit Rounds. They conduct seminar sessions with Medical students in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Hazel Markwell is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anaesthesia. Centre staff teach also at St. Augustine' Seminary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Regis College and at St. Michael's College.

Public Outreach

- Their expertise is also made available to the Inner city community and to many ethnic communities in GTA. They help as Board members or advisers to the following: Tamil Care-giver Project of the McConnell Foundation, Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario, Vasantham-Ethno-Racial Seniors' Centre, South Asian Women's Forum, Archdiocese of Toronto, Homewood Health Centre Inc., The Ontario Council for International Co-operation, Canadian Council for International Cooperation and the Sherbourne Health Centre.

Future Direction

- Ethics needs assessment across three sites
- Implementation of an Action Plan to address issues related to Consent and Capacity
- Developing expertise in conflict negotiation/mediation

Human Resources

- Their personnel includes:
 1. Director: Hazel J. Markwell, BA(Hons), MA (Montreal) LTh, PhD, ThD
 2. Joseph A. Chandrakanthan, BTh, MTh, MPhil (Pune) LTh, PhD, ThD
 3. Steve Abdool, RN, PhD
 4. Dianne Godkin RN, PhD (Her areas of interest include: end-of-life issues, advance care planning, research ethics)

Sources of Funding

- The centre is jointly sponsored by Providence Healthcare, St. Joseph's Health Centre and St. Michael's Hospital.

(5) Centre for Health Care Ethics Lakehead University (CHCE)

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- Their website is <http://www.bioethics/lakeheadu.ca> (under construction)

- The Centre does have a brochure.

About the Centre

- The Centre for Health Care Ethics, Lakehead University was created in 1998 to replace the pre-existing Thunder Bay Bioethics Interest Group founded in 1995. It was conceived as an interdisciplinary university centre with strong links to the community. The Centre attracted over 100 individual members (academic staff, students, health care and human services professionals and public) and seven institutional members (health care and health education organizations). It has an Advisory Council, whose members are the representatives of health and educational facilities in Northwestern Ontario. It continues to be operated by a Director with an Executive Committee, reporting to the VP Academic
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) the Centre ranks their core priorities in terms of importance as follows: Continuing dialogue and mutual enrichment between academic staff, health care professionals, administrators and public 5, Education of its members, health professionals and the public 4, Support of decision-makers in clinical ethic, ethics of human research, institutional ethics and ethics of health policy 3.

Mandate

- The mission of the Centre for Health Care Ethics is to enhance the ethical quality of health care in our geographic area as well as in the society in general by creating a forum for dialogue and collaborative action in health care ethics among Lakehead University, other educational and health care institutions, health care professionals and the general public.
- CHCE endeavors to create a regional program in health care ethics by:
 - promoting and assisting in the education of its members, students, professionals, and the community in the ethics of health care,
 - providing or facilitating consultative services, analysis and assistance with policy development to the private and public health care sector and facilitating collaborative interdisciplinary research in selected areas of health care ethics.

Research

- Members of the Centre are engaged in a variety of research projects that involve the ethical aspect of health care. The Centre's initial project was a survey to assess the ethics educational needs of workers in local health care institutions. The following are examples of other member's research: Dr. Jaro Kotalik's (Director) research projects include topics such as the ethics of cancer care, clinical genetics, research with human subjects, obligations arising from professional codes, ethical issues in responding to epidemics. Dr. Douglas Rabb (Philosophy) and Dennis McPherson (Indigenous Learning) have written on cultural issue in ethics, and the ethics of health care for the aboriginal population. Dr. Douglas West (Political Science) is conducting research on public policy development and community involvement. Dr. Barry Armstrong (Surgery) works on ethical issues in military medicine.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- While CHCE as such does not provide clinical consultations, it does support its individual members who are engaged in providing ethics consultation on behalf of the Ethics Team of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre or who are members of research ethics boards in the city. Dr. Kotalik was a consultant of Health Canada on ethical and legal issues in Canadian Pandemic Influenza Plan.

He is also consultant for biotechnology companies and Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and conduct site-visits of research institutions for the National Council on Ethics in Human Research.

Education/Training Offered

- The Centre offers monthly evening programs that cover the full spectrum of health care ethics topics. These educational sessions include panel discussions, lecture of invited speakers, papers presented by members, results of local research projects, discussions of clinical cases and ethics policies. Over 60 such sessions were delivered with a total participation of over 2000 people. Every year, two, all day workshops are held in Thunder Bay; they include: "Ethics at the Bedside and in the Clinic" and "Ethics of Research with Human Subjects." Several workshops are delivered every year in hospitals in Northwestern Ontario, with topics tailored to local needs. CHCE sponsored a regional workshop of the National Council on Research with Human Subjects. A list of past educational events is available on the web site.
- Members of the Centre teach undergraduate courses in biomedical ethics and provide bioethics presentations to students in nursing, cell biology, public health and occupational therapy and residents in family medicine. Members are also intensively involved in creating the curriculum, educational materials and staff development activities of the new Northern Ontario School of Medicine, which will admit first students in August 2005.

Public Outreach

- All of CHCE's educational programs are open to public and are advertised and actively promoted in media. An effort is made to include voices of the public in all discussions of all topics. The Centre's speakers are often interviewed by reporters and its seminars are frequently the subject of reports in the local/regional newspapers, radio and television.

Future Direction

- The Centre has planned a pilot project which will enhance the engagement of citizens in development of ethical underpinning of health care policies.

Human Resources

1. Jaro Kotalik, MD, MA, FRCPC
2. Louisa Pedri, MA (Education Coordinator)
3. Loretta Delea, BA (Administrative Assistant)
4. Ten executive members (Academic and Health Care professionals)
5. General membership of over 100 individuals

Sources of Funding

- The Centre is supported by institutional fees, donations from members and public and fees for some services. Lakehead University provides support in kind.

(6) Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics at the University of Manitoba

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- Their website is <http://www.umanitoba.ca/centres/ethics/centre.html>
- The Centre does have a brochure.

About the Centre

- The Centre is first of all committed to promoting research and education in issues of professional and applied ethics, including clinical ethics, research ethics, organizational ethics but not restricted to them.

Mandate

- The mandate of the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics is to:
 1. Encourage research and scholarly activity in the field of professional and applied ethics. To co-ordinate this research activity by undertaking communication and liaison between the Centre and interested scholars in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences and the Professional Faculties of the University. To initiate multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary research. To generate financial support for research in professional and applied ethics, and to provide administrative and academic support as well.
 2. To provide encouragement, assistance and expertise to departments and faculties of the University interested in establishing academic courses or programmes, at both the undergraduate and graduate level, in professional and applied ethics. To respond to requests for assistance in improving such programmes, when they are already established.
 3. To provide a focus for a variety of community groups, professional associations and individuals interested in professional and applied ethics; and to provide direction and assistance to such individuals or groups when requested, thereby enabling them to make more effective use of the University's resources than might otherwise be possible.
 4. To increase university and public awareness of and knowledge about issues and problems in professional and applied ethics. To this end, the Centre organizes and sponsors public lectures, symposia, and conferences on a wide variety of ethical issues.
 5. As part of its public education mandate, the Centre's [Director](#) and [Associate Director](#) are frequently involved in radio and television discussions, interviews and debates, and contribute frequently to the print media by way of articles and interviews. Between them, the Director and Associate Director have done numerous interviews for news and current affairs programmes on CBC-radio and CBC-television, local and national, and for the Discovery Channel, The Women's Television Network, the Aboriginal Television Network, and the CTV network. They have also done many interviews for newspapers, both national and local, including the Globe and Mail and the National Post, the Winnipeg Free Press and the Winnipeg Sun, and for many regional newspapers, such as the Toronto Star, the Vancouver Sun, and the Ottawa Citizen.

Research

- In the autumn of 1999 the Centre created several Applied Ethics Research Fellowships, and invited applications from academic staff across the University of Manitoba. Each Fellowship winner's Department received funds so that she/he could be given a 1/2 course teaching release in order to pursue their research project.
- In accordance with the terms of the award, the successful applicants were appointed as [Research Associates](#) of the Centre. Moreover, each presented his/her research findings at separate public lecture/seminar sponsored by the Centre, as well as presenting a final written report describing the outcome of the

research.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The Centre's consultation service provides assistance to individuals, professional associations, governments and community groups across Canada, and internationally, as well as locally and provincially.
- Many of these consultations involve health care personnel who are experiencing ethical problems with patients; others involve patients who are having ethical problems with health care personnel. But most of the consultations concern problems in applied ethics arising from a broad range of situations.
- Together with other Canadian ethics centres and institutes, the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics has provided ongoing assistance to such national agencies as The Medical Research Council and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council. The Centre belongs to and participates in several national and international organizations whose objectives coincide with the goals of the Centre, including the Canadian Bioethics Society, the International Bioethics Society, and The Society for Applied Ethics.

Education/Training Offered

- The Director has given extensive assistance to a number of different Faculties wishing to establish courses in professional ethics. Faculties for whom programmes have been designed and other assistance given include: Medicine, Dentistry, Architecture, Social Work, Science, Engineering, Pharmacy, Human Ecology, and Physical Education and Recreation Studies.
- The [Director](#) regularly lectures on professional ethics in many of the University's professional faculties (e.g., Architecture, Dentistry, Engineering, Pharmacy). As well, the [Associate Director](#) is actively involved in the undergraduate and the graduate ethics programmes of the Faculty of Medicine.
- In addition to assisting various faculties which are seeking to establish special ethics programmes for their faculties, the Centre regularly provides bibliographic and other assistance to individual staff members across the university, at the other provincial universities and at other Canadian and foreign universities.
- Over a period of several years, The Ethics Centre's Director has selected and helped to train a group of philosophy graduate students to serve as discussion leaders for the undergraduate medical ethics programme of the Faculty of Medicine.

Public Outreach

- Virtually all of the lectures, seminars, symposia we sponsor and co-sponsor are open to the public (and are widely advertised). The Centre's Director and Associate Director frequently give public lectures and frequently write Op Ed/Commentary articles for newspapers and magazines, including The Globe and Mail, The Toronto Star, and the Winnipeg Free Press.

Future Direction

- The Centre's future direction is to be announced.

Human Resources

- The Centre's Research Associates consists of the following members:
 1. Professor **Barney Sneiderman**, Associate for Law
 2. Professor **J.A. Bailey**, Department of Philosophy
 3. Professor **Bob Bright**, Department of Philosophy
 4. Professor **David Churchill**, Department of History

5. Professor **Bruno Dyck**, Faculty of Management
6. Professor **Barry Ferguson**, Department of History
7. Professor **Evelyn Forget**, Department of Community Health Sciences
8. Professor **Joyce Jenkins**, Department of Philosophy
9. Professor **Peter Kirk**, Department of Family Medicine
10. Professor **Irwin Lipnowski**, Department of Economics
11. Dr. **Bryan Magwood**, Department of Paediatrics, and Clinical Ethics, HSC
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13. Professor **Peter Miller**, Philosophy, University of Winnipeg
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22. Professor **Ian Wight**, Department of City Planning

Sources of Funding

- Most of the funding for the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics is generated by the Imperial Oil Ethics Endowment Fund.
- The Centre's Ethics Research Fellowships are supported by grants from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba and the University's Department of Philosophy. The Centre's annual Medical Ethics Research Fellowship is supported by an annual grant from the Faculty of Medicine and from the Imperial Oil Ethics Endowment Fund. Other donations have been received in aid of the Centre's library of books and journals.

(7) Clinical Ethics Service, Winnipeg Health Science Centre

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- There is no website for the Centre.
- The Centre's brochure is currently being updated

About the Centre

- Clinical Ethics consultation at the Health Sciences Centre started in 1999 with two consultation teams, one for adults and the other for children. Shortly thereafter, the two teams were consolidated into one service. Other than clinical consultation, Clinical Ethics Services (CES) offers HEAL (Humanities, Ethics And Law) Rounds, educational sessions and an annual Introductory Ethics Course. CES also directs the Ethics Committee for the Health Sciences Centre. CES also offers the clinical education for the Clinical Ethics Fellowship offered through the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba.
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) the Centre ranks their core priorities in terms of importance as follows: Clinical Ethics 5, Ethics Education 4, Organizational Ethics 3.
- CES is directly affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

Mandate

- Clinical Ethics Services provides clinical ethics consultation to the Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre and to outside institutions or individuals on request. They also offer formal and informal ethics education as well as organizational ethics service to the Health Sciences Centre and advise the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

Research

- Research is not currently a priority at the Centre but it will be revisited later this year.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- Ethics Consultation is performed by healthcare providers with specific training in Ethics Consultation, a Clinical Ethics Fellow, or a Clinical Ethicist. All consultations are reviewed by a Clinical Ethicist. The service is available to all who request assistance, including patients and families.

Education/ Training Offered

- Teaching sessions are offered to all individuals or departments that request ethics education. Some of these are formal presentations and others are informal discussions. CES also offers an annual six-afternoon Introductory Ethics Course and collaborates with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority in an Intermediate-level ethics workshop.

Public Outreach

- HEAL Rounds are open to the public.

Future Direction

- A second ethicist will soon be joining CES and further growth is anticipated.

Human Resources

- The human resources at the Centre include:
 1. Bryan Magwood, MD, FRCPC Clinical Ethicist
 2. Merril Pauls, MD, CCFP(EM), MHSc
 3. *Ethicist soon to join CES*

Sources of Funding

- CES is supported by the Health Sciences Centre and, the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Manitoba.

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About the Centre

- In January 1996, Dr. Nuala Kenny established the Office of Bioethics Education and Research, in the Division of Medical Education at Dalhousie University. Four

years later, after a successful review process, the Office of Bioethics Education and Research gained full departmental status – and became the Department of Bioethics in the Faculty of Medicine.

- As part of the Faculty of Medicine, the Department's top priorities are education, research, and service (all ranked equally high at 5).

Mandate

- The Department of Bioethics in the Dalhousie Medical School is committed to critical analysis of moral issues in health. In pursuit of this goal, the Department seeks to develop and maintain a national and international reputation for scholarly work in bioethics.
- The mandate of the Department of Bioethics is:
 1. to meaningfully contribute to the scholarly literature in bioethics and thereby shape the discourse in the field;
 2. to successfully compete for peer-reviewed research funding to support the academic work of faculty;
 3. to advocate for professional integrity in bioethics;
 4. to provide high-quality ethics education for the Faculty of Medicine, local health care institutions, government agencies, and the community at large;
 5. to influence local, national, and international policy development through policy consultation and committee work, and
 6. to serve professional organizations for the continued growth of bioethics.

Research

- In our Research and Scholarly Activities, we address a broad range of moral issues including: ethics and health policy; novel genetic technologies; the role of efficacy in regulatory practices and policy (especially with respect to pharmaceuticals, biologics, and genetic therapies); research ethics (including the protection of communities); organizational ethics; emergency medicine; social justice; pediatric ethics; and end-of-life care. Research contracts and awards from a variety of granting agencies support this academic work. Our work is shared in a broad range of formats including policy reports and documents, publications in key academic journals and lay media, collected editions, and books.
- Other general areas of research conducted by the department include:
 1. Bioethics and Emergency Medicine
 2. Clinical and Organizational Ethics
 3. Community-Based Applied Research
 4. Diagnostic Bioinformatics
 5. Ethics and Health policy
 6. Hope in Health Care
 7. Novel Genetic Technologies
 8. Pediatric Ethics
 9. Physician Ethics
 10. Research Ethics
 11. Techno-science and Regulatory Policy

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- Innovative collaborations between the Department of Bioethics and Capital Health (Nova Scotia's largest regional health authority consisting of 9 rural and urban-based health care facilities), and the IWK Health Centre (a maternal-pediatric tertiary care hospital) ensure access to ethics expertise and support for these

health organizations. Services they provide include: organizational health care ethics consultation, ethical analysis of health care policies, capacity-building in ethics, and bioethics education.

Education/Training Offered

- At Dalhousie University, teaching and learning in Bioethics happens in three domains. Faculty in the Department of Bioethics, in collaboration with others on campus, teach in the undergraduate medical curriculum, provide ethics education to postgraduate trainees in a wide variety of clinical areas, and are also actively involved in training the next generation of bioethicists.
- Among their involvement in teaching/training they provide:
 1. Undergraduate Ethics Education at Dalhousie Medical School
 2. Department of Philosophy - MA/PhD
 3. Faculty of Graduate Studies - Interdisciplinary PhD
 4. Health Law Institute – LLM
 5. Graduate and Postgraduate CIHR Training Program in Ethics of Health Research and Policy

Public Outreach

- To date, two public lectures have been delivered, as part of a series offered by the Bioethics Department for the local community.

Future Direction

- The Canadian Bioethics Society annual conference will be held in Halifax in 2005.

Human Resources

- The faculty and staff at Dalhousie's Department of Bioethics (as of August 2004) includes:
 1. Doug Sinclair, M.D., Interim Chair, Clinical Chief – IWK Health Centre, Professor – Department of Emergency Medicine, Cross-appointment: Pediatrics.
 2. Françoise Baylis, Ph.D., Professor, Cross Appointment: Philosophy, (Her interests include novel genetic technologies, research involving humans, women's health, and feminist ethics).
 3. Janice E. Graham, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Cross Appointment: Sociology and Social Anthropology, (Her interests include medical anthropology and science studies, regulation of pharmaceuticals, biologics and genetic therapies, integrative approaches to anthropology and epidemiology, methodologies to assess diagnostic and therapeutics practices, dementia diagnostics and normal aging).
 4. Nuala Kenny, O.C., M.D., FRCPC, Professor, Bioethics and Pediatrics, (Her interests include physician ethics, ethics education, virtue ethics, ethics and health policy, pediatric ethics, and end of life care).
 5. Jeff Kirby, M.D., M.A. (Phil./Ethics), Assistant Professor, Ethics Consultant, Hospital Collaborations (His interests include clinical ethics, ethical analysis of health care policy, advancement of social justice in health care, and ethical issues in mental health care).
 6. Christy Simpson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Coordinator, Hospital Collaborations, (Her interests include the role of hope in health care, organizational ethics, and role modeling and reflective practice in bioethics).
 7. Charles Weijer, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P.C., Associate Professor of Bioethics and Surgery, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, (His interests include ethical analysis of benefits and harms in research, protection of communities in

research, and epistemology of clinical science).

- Cross-appointees for the Department include:
 1. Jocelyn Downie, MLitt, LLB, LLM, SJD, Director, Health Law Institute Associate Professor, Faculties of Law and Medicine, (*Her interests include research involving humans, assisted death, genetics, and women's health*).
 2. Conrad Fernandez, M.D., FRCPC, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, (*His interests include bioethics in pediatric research including return of research results to research participants, complementary and alternative cancer therapies, and Wilms tumor*).
 3. Susan Sherwin, Ph.D., FRSC, University Research Professor Department of Philosophy (*Her interests include health care ethics and feminist philosophy, research ethics, and policies regarding reproduction and biotechnology*)

Sources of Funding

- Sources of support include:
 1. Dalhousie University (Faculty of Medicine)
 2. Granting agencies – both national and provincial, including both project and salary awards
 3. Contracts

(9) Ethos Research Group, Université du Québec à Rimouski

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- A new brochure is being prepared

About the Centre

- The Ethos research group was formed in 1981 at the *Université du Québec à Rimouski* (UQAR) following an initiative by professors in the Religious Sciences and Ethics Department. Since 1984, the group has been known by its present name, **Ethos**. In the spring of 1987, UQAR's board of directors recognized the group as an institutional research group. The core research group of Ethos is made up of ethics professors from UQAR, who are now part of the Human Sciences Department; they are joined by researchers in ethics from other departments. Researchers from other universities participate in the group's activities as associated members.

Mandate

- The Ethos research group includes people from several institutions and organizations, mostly from universities within the province of Québec. They work in varied disciplines such as law, economy, management, philosophy, political science, administrative sciences, health sciences, sociology, and theology.
- The group's mandate is to promote research in ethics by bringing together individuals with similar research interests and encouraging education in the domain. The principal objectives related to this mandate include the following:
 1. Encouraging associations among those interested in ethics research in order to favour (i) the exchange of information and knowledge, (ii) the formation of research teams, and (iii) the training of students in graduate programs;
 2. Establishing partnerships in ethics research among individuals from

- universities in Québec and other Canadian provinces as well as from foreign universities;
- Promoting scientific communication to diffuse knowledge on ethics by means of conferences, seminars, congresses, and symposia, and through scholarly journals, monographs, and special series.

Research activities

- For members of the Ethos research group, ethics represents a multidisciplinary research field that revolves around three main axes:
 - bioethics and healthcare ethics;
 - professional ethics, business ethics and organisational ethics;
 - social ethics.

Clinical ethics

- The Ethos research group is involved in different areas of health and social services (hospitals, rehabilitation and long-term health care centres, centres for the re-adaptation of the intellectually deficient, local community service centres) as part of subsidized research (Conseil Québécois de la recherche sociale, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada). The group is engaged in partnerships with these organizations, with group members participating on ethics committees and holding training activities in clinical and management ethics.

Education/Training offered

- Master's in ethics: a short graduate-level program

Public Outreach

- The group offers continuing education activities and holds public seminars each trimester on the Rimouski and Lévis campuses. It publishes an interdisciplinary journal in ethics called ***Ethica***, which is in its 16th year (the journal is peer reviewed).

Future Direction

- In addition to continuing its work on intervention in professional, clinical, and social ethics, on management and business ethics, and on biomedical (genomic) ethics, the group is developing new avenues of research in social ethics and intercultural relations.

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Sources of Funding

- The group depends on support from UQAR and on research grants attracted by the centres members to assure the continuation of its activities.

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- Une nouvelle brochure est en préparation.

Historique

- Le Groupe de recherche Ethos a été mis sur pied progressivement, à l'Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR), à partir de 1981, à la suite d'une initiative de professeurs du département des sciences religieuses et d'éthique. Depuis 1984, il est connu sous le nom qui est le sien aujourd'hui. Au printemps 1987, le conseil

d'administration de l'UQAR le reconnaissait comme groupe institutionnel au sein de l'établissement. Le noyau de base du Groupe de recherche Ethos est composé de professeures et de professeurs en éthique de l'UQAR, qui sont maintenant rattachés au département des sciences humaines, auxquels se joignent des chercheurs en éthique d'autres départements. Des chercheurs d'autres universités participent également aux activités du groupe, à titre de membres associés.

Mission

- Le Groupe de recherche Ethos réunit des chercheuses et des chercheurs de plusieurs établissements ou organismes, dont la plupart proviennent du réseau universitaire québécois. Ils oeuvrent dans des disciplines comme le droit, l'économie, la gestion, la philosophie, la science politique, les sciences administratives, les sciences infirmières, la sociologie et la théologie.
- Le Groupe a comme mission de favoriser la recherche en l'éthique en réunissant des chercheuses et des chercheurs et en encourageant la formation d'étudiantes et d'étudiants dans ce domaine. Les principaux objectifs qui sont en lien avec cette mission sont les suivants:
 1. Mettre en relation des chercheuses et des chercheurs s'intéressant à la recherche en éthique, afin de favoriser la mise en commun et la communication des connaissances, la constitution d'équipes de recherche et la formation d'étudiantes et d'étudiants aux études supérieures;
 2. Établir des partenariats avec des universités, au Québec, dans différentes provinces canadiennes et à l'étranger en matière de recherche en éthique;
 3. Mettre en place des moyens de communication scientifique pour la diffusion des connaissances en éthique, que ce soit par l'organisation de colloques, séminaires, congrès, symposiums ou encore par l'entremise de revues savantes, de monographies ou de collections spécialisées.

Activités de recherche

- L'éthique représente pour eux un champ de recherches pluridisciplinaires gravitant autour de trois grands axes:
 1. la bioéthique et l'éthique de la santé ;
 2. l'éthique professionnelle, des affaires et des organisations ;
 3. l'éthique sociale.

Éthique clinique

- Le Groupe de recherche Ethos est présent dans différents milieux de soins et de services sociaux (centres hospitaliers, centres d'hébergement et de soins de longue durée, centres de réadaptation en déficience intellectuelle, centres locaux de services communautaires), à l'occasion des recherches subventionnées (CQRS, CRSH) menées en partenariat avec ces établissements, de la participation de certains chercheurs à des comités d'éthique clinique, et d'activités de formation en éthique clinique et en éthique de la gestion.

Enseignement/formation offerts

- Maîtrise en éthique: programme court de 2ème cycle

Portée publique

- Le Groupe offre des activités de formation continue et tient des séminaires publics chaque trimestre aux campus de Rimouski et de Lévis. Il publie une revue interdisciplinaire en éthique, ***Ethica***, qui en est à sa seizième année (revue avec comité de lecture).

Orientation

- En plus de poursuivre ses travaux en éthique de l'intervention professionnelle, clinique et sociale, en éthique de la gestion et des affaires, ainsi qu'en éthique biomédicale (génomique), notre groupe développe de nouveaux créneaux de recherche en éthique sociale et des relations interculturelles.

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Financement

- Le Groupe compte sur le soutien institutionnel de l'UQAR et sur les subventions de recherche de ses membres pour assurer le développement de ses activités.

(10) Health Care Ethics Service, St. Boniface General Hospital

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- The website is http://www.sbgh.mb.ca/campus_sbgh/GeneralInfo_HCareEthics.html
- The content of the Ethics Service brochure is available at the website listed above.

About the Service

- The Health Care Ethics Service was established in May 1993. Geographically located at St. Boniface General Hospital in Winnipeg, it is primarily a service to the ten health care facilities owned and operated by the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba (CHCM). These facilities include a tertiary care teaching hospital, long term and chronic care facilities, mental health programs, rural health care facilities and public health clinics (Appendix I).
- The core activities of the Ethics Service include: ethics education; clinical ethics consultation; organizational ethics consultation; research ethics; policy development and review.
- St. Boniface General Hospital is affiliated with the University of Manitoba.

Mandate

- This Service provides assistance in four areas: ethics education; case consultation; policy development and review; research and review of research.

Research

- At the present time, the research ethics activities of the Service are focused on membership on various national and local research ethics boards.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- Patients, family members or any health care providers involved in the care of patients may request an ethics consultation by contacting the Health Care Ethics Service. The Service also receives requests for consultation from members of the general public.
- This Service is available 24 hours daily. Outside of regular business hours (0830 to 1630 hours), the Clinical Ethicists are available by pager.

Education/Training Offered

- The Health Care Ethics Service sponsors and provides a range of educational opportunities including: an annual, four-day Health Care Ethics Seminar; monthly Ethics rounds; quarterly Health Care Ethics Grand Rounds; unit/program-based rounds; and conferences on selected topics in health care ethics. The Ethics Service regularly participates in educational programs offered to students in undergraduate and graduate health care programs (e.g. Faculty of Medicine; Faculty of Nursing; School of Medical Rehabilitation). The Health Care Ethics

Service has offered practica in both clinical ethics and research ethics.

Public Outreach

- The Health Care Ethics Service regularly responds to requests to offer and/or participate in public educational events on a variety of current topics in health care ethics. As well, the members of the Service regularly participate on committees, boards and other community initiatives sponsored by agencies external to the CHCM (e.g. Health Canada; National Research Council of Canada; CancerCare Manitoba; the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, etc.).

Future Direction

- The Health Care Ethics Service is currently working on two projects related to artificial nutrition and hydration (ANH). The first is a patient education booklet addressing ethical issues related to the provision of, withholding and/or withdrawal of ANH. The second initiative is a conference event to be co-sponsored by the Service and colleagues at CancerCare Manitoba.

Human Resources

- Our human resources include:
 1. **George C. Webster**, Clinical Ethicist
 2. **Pat Murphy**, Clinical Ethicist
 3. **Lydia Shawarsky**, Administrative Secretary

Sources of Funding

- The Health Care Ethics Service is primarily funded by the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba.

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About the Institute

- The Health Law Institute was founded in 1991 to speak to legal and ethical issues arising in the health care and health systems realms. It is an interdisciplinary Institute, supported by and serving the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Health Professions and Dentistry. It is one of only two such Institutes in Canada, and offers the first and only health law and policy specialization for LL.B. recipients. The core priorities of the Institute are the advancement of health law and policy, and the improvement of health care practice and delivery through scholarly analysis, professional education and public service.
- The Health Law Institute ranks its core priorities in terms of importance as follows: Research 5, Teaching 5, and Public Service 5.

Mandate

- The Institute's mandate is threefold:
 1. To foster strong and innovative health law and policy scholarship

- by contributing to the research in health law and policy
- by providing external consultation services on matters having a significant impact on health law or policy
- 2. To advance health law and policy education
 - by designing and implementing educational programs for law, medical and health professional students by continuing education opportunities for health professionals and legal practitioners
- 3. To serve the public in our areas of expertise
 - by contributing to the societal understanding of health law and policy issues
 - by providing expertise to organizations in the public sector
 - by engaging in the policy-making process at local, regional, and national levels

Research

- Following are examples of recent research:
 - Legal Foundations for a National Disease Control and Surveillance Agency in Canada
 - Governance Choices and Health Care Quality: A Focus on Patient Safety
 - The Development of New Conceptual Paradigms Responding to Privacy and Access Challenges in Health Research
 - Role of Technology in the Production, Consumption and Use of Health Information: Implications for Policy and Practice
 - Rules for Human DNA Banks: A Canadian and International Comparative Analysis
 - The Function of Academic Research Ethics Boards in Governing Privacy, Confidentiality, and Security Issues in Health-Related Studies Making Use of Personal Information
 - End of Life Treatment Policy and Practice in Canada

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The Institute provides consulting services to various government agencies as well as to public interest groups, the private sector, and health care institutions.

Education/Training Offered

- The Institute offers one of the largest health law course complements in Canada. Lectures and courses are provided to students in the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, and Health Professions at the undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education levels. The Institute also coordinates a CIHR-funded training program in Health Law and Policy, which supports graduate studies in health law and policy at the LL.M. and doctorate levels.

Public Outreach

- The Health Law Institute runs a highly successful seminar series on Health Law and Policy, with eight presentations per year by speakers from a wide range of disciplines. For details, please visit the web site, <http://www.dal.ca/hli>. The series is open to faculty, staff, and members of the public.
- Institute members also speak at a wide variety of meetings, serve on local, provincial, and national committees, and respond to requests for information from the general public. Background information and media interviews are also conducted by Institute members.

Future Direction

- The following projects have recently been funded and are just commencing:
 - An Ethical and Legal Framework for the Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance National Tissue Microarray Resource for Breast Cancer
 - Neuroimaging Ethics: From Theory to Practice – a study of Ethical Issues in Brain Imaging (New Emerging Team)
 - In addition to these projects, a national Health Law Conference will be hosted by the Health Law Institute in Halifax in 2006.

Human Resources

- The faculty and staff of the Health Law Institute at Dalhousie University includes:
 1. Jocelyn Downie BA, MA, MLitt, LLB, LLM, SJD, Director and Canada Research, Chair in Health Law and Policy, Associate Professor, Faculties of Law and Medicine, Research interests lie at the intersection of law, health care, and ethics with a specific focus on the governance of research involving humans and genetics.
 2. Elaine Gibson LLB, LLM, Associate Director, Research and Education, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Research focuses on legal issues surrounding electronic health information and confidentiality, public health, medical malpractice, and mental health law.
 3. Michael Hadskis BSc, LLB, LLM, Assistant Professor / Research Associate, Research focus is on the regulation of research involving humans, with a particular emphasis on genetics
 4. Mary-Catherine LeVatte BPR, Associate Director, Operations and Development
 5. Leah Hutt BA, LLB, LLM., Research Associate, Research focus is on the development of health law and policy at a provincial level.
 6. Fiona McDonald BA, LLB, LLM, Research Associate, Research focus is on legal frameworks that influence patient safety while receiving health services.
 7. Karen McEwen RN, LLB, MEd, Research Associate, Research focus is on end of life and on legal education for health professionals.
 8. Jan Sutherland BA, MA, LLB, Research Associate, Research focus is on legal issues arising from the use of technology in health care.
 9. Anne Uteck BA, MA, LLB, Research Associate, Research focus is on health information privacy.
 10. Barbara Carter, Administrative Secretary
 11. Stephanie Revoy, Secretary
 12. Chrystal Gray, CIHR Training Program in Health Law and Policy, Program Coordinator
 13. Suman Gupta, CIHR Neuroimaging Ethics: From Theory to Practice, Program Coordinator

Sources of Funding

- Dalhousie University Faculties of Law, Medicine, Health Professions, and Dentistry
- Donor support
- Granting agencies – national and provincial, including both project and salary awards
- Contracts
- Canada Research Chair

(12) University of Alberta Health Law Institute

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- Their website is <http://www.law.ualberta.ca/centres/hli/>
- The Centre does have a brochure.

About the Centre

- The Health Law Institute was founded in 1977 by Madam Justice Ellen Picard (Alberta Court of Appeal) who was a Professor in the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta with a passionate interest in health law.
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) this Centre ranks its core priorities in terms of importance as follows: legal/ethical issues associated with new technologies/science 5; macro organizational legal ethical 4; Clinical ethics/legal 3; research ethics/legal issues 3

Mandate

- The mandate of this Institute is to develop into a national centre for health law providing public legal education and undertaking research on current issues.

Research

- The Institute conducts research on current issues in health law, and in response to significant developments in legislation, case law, provincial and federal policy, and new medical technologies.
- Some of the current research they've conducted includes:
 1. CIHR Public Health and Health Care System Preparedness and Response to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS): Evaluation and Lessons Learned: "Legal Foundations for a National Disease Control and Surveillance Agency in Canada".
 2. *Stem Cell Network: Commercialization and Regulatory Policy*, National Centres of Excellence (NCE) Program (P.I. Ron Worton, University of Ottawa, 2001 – 2005).
 3. *Social-Political Concerns, Regulatory Policy and Commercialization of Genomic Technologies*, Genome Prairie: Genetics, Ethics, Law and Society Project (2001-2005).
 4. *CIHR Toward the Ethical Governance of Canadian Research Involving Humans: Principles, Policies, Practices and Outcomes*
 5. *SSHRC Reproductive Autonomy: legal and policy choices*
 6. *CIHR ICE (Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement): "Translating genetic discoveries into appropriate health policy and services"*
 7. *Advanced Foods and Materials Network, National Centres of Excellence (NCE) Program*
 8. *SSHRC Legal Models of Biotechnological Intellectual Property Protection: A Transdisciplinary Approach*

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The Institute does consulting for both public and private stakeholders. The Institute also has a number of information resources available to health care providers, practicing lawyers, students and members of the public. They have also been involved in a number of policy initiatives. They have extensive experience organizing a variety of workshops and major conferences. They have representatives on numerous regional, national and international health policy and research ethics committees. The Institute publishes the Health Law Journal on an annual basis. This is a peer reviewed publication of interest to the legal and health care professions, and the academic community. The Health Law Review is published 3 times per year and meets the needs of a more general audience in

covering developments in health care.

Education/Training

- The Institute provides legal education to health care professionals, students and any interested community groups in the area of health law. Often, this service may be provided for free or on a cost-only basis thanks to funding received from the Alberta Law Foundation. However, they are prepared to direct lectures toward any interests in this area expressed by members of your community and welcome any suggestions you might have in this regard.

Public Outreach

- The HLI provides numerous public lectures and its members frequently contribute articles to the popular press.

Future Direction

- The HLI will be expanding its work into a number of areas including nanotechnology, public health law, and the regulation of complimentary and alternative medicine.

Human Resources

- Their current faculty and staff includes:
 1. **Timothy A. Caulfield**, B.Sc., LL.M., Research Director, Canada Research Chair in Health Law and Policy, Professor, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. (*His general areas of interest include genetics, ethics and the law and the legal implications of health care reform in Canada*).
 2. **Tracey M. Bailey**, B.A., LL.B., Executive Director. (*Her general areas of interest include policy making, research ethics, and health law*).
 3. **Jane A. Steblecki**, R.N., B.N., LL.B. Project Manager. (*Her general areas of interest include health law and privacy law*).
 4. **Nola M. Ries** B.A. (Hons.), LL.B., M.P.A., LL.M., Project Manager/Research Associate. (*Her general areas of interest include public health law; health system reform, resource allocation and access to health care; consent, privacy and confidentiality; and constitutional and human rights law*).
 5. **Erin Nelson**, B.Sc.P.T., LL.B., LL.M., Research Associate. (*Her general areas of interest include the interface of health care law and ethics, women's health, issues in reproductive health, and feminist legal theory*).
 6. **Lori Sheremeta**, RT (N.M.), LL.B., Research Associate. (*Her general areas of interest include legal, ethical and social issues surrounding genetic technologies, stem cell technologies and nanotechnology*).
 7. **Richard Gold**, LL.M, PhD., Research Associate, (*His general areas of interest include technology (particularly biotechnology), commerce, and ethics*).
 8. **Roxanne Mykitiuk**, B.A., LL.B., LL.M., Research Associate. (*Her general areas of interest include legal, ethical and social implications of new reproductive technologies and the new genetics and the legal construction and regulation of embodiment and disability*).
 9. **Lori P. Knowles**, B.A., LL.B., B.C.L., M.A., LL.M., Research Associate. (*Her general areas of interest include international law and biotechnology policy, intellectual property and reproductive technology*).
 10. **Brent Windwick**, B.A. (Hons.), LL.B. LL.M., Practitioner Consultant. (*His general areas of interest include advocacy in malpractice litigation, medical products liability litigation, public inquiries and administrative tribunal proceedings; strategic advice on clinical and corporate governance and policy development, patient safety and risk management; health information access*

and privacy; and health research regulation).

Sources of Funding

- As a non-profit organization, the Health Law Institute acknowledges the generous support of the [Alberta Law Foundation](#) . The HLI also receives support from the Faculty of Law, [University of Alberta](#) and the [Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research](#) .

(13) The Hospital for Sick Children, Department of Bioethics

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- The Department has an internal website only – an external one is in development.
- They have a brochure

About the Centre

- The Department of Bioethics was initiated in January 1991 as an academically grounded and clinically focused ethics service. The Hospital for Sick Children is affiliated with the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics. Our roles include education of bioethics students and health care professionals (both those in practice and in training), research, policy preparation and dissemination, participation in the life and culture of the organization in a variety of ways, and involvement in the bioethics community more broadly. Their consultation service is available to all decision-makers, including patients, families, and health care practitioners, who want assistance with the ethical decision-making process.

Mandate

- To provide a consultation service with regards to ethical issues and decision making to The Hospital for Sick Children community (staff, patients, families, etc.)
- To lead and participate in relevant policy and organizational work (e.g. committees and task forces) at The Hospital for Sick Children
- To provide leadership in the field of pediatric ethics locally, nationally and internationally
- To lead and participate in education activities at The Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto, nationally and internationally, and to collaborate with those involved in similar work at other institutions
- To promote the ethical care of children through publication and research

Research

- Accountability in Health Care and Research, Innovation, Complementary and Alternative Health Care, End of Life Decision Making Regarding Children, Medical Ethics Education.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The Department of Bioethics offers a consultation service for patients, families, and staff. This service is available to all decision-makers (e.g., patients, families, health care practitioners) who want assistance with the ethical decision-making process. The Department assists in policy development and review, and offers ethics education to health care practitioners.

Education/Training Offered

- The Department of Bioethics provides regular interdisciplinary hospital-wide rounds, and departmental rounds and inservices
- The Department organizes an annual Bioethics Week at The Hospital for Sick Children
- Members of the Department are involved with the planning and teaching in the Faculty of Medicine's Research Ethics Day (Clinical Investigators' Program), and Clinical Ethics Day for Residents
- Members of the Department teach extensively at the University of Toronto, including the following programs:
 1. Master of Health Science Program at the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics
 2. Clinical Ethics Fellowship Training Program
 3. Masters programs in Genetic Counselling, Occupational Therapy
 4. Medical trainees at all levels of training (medical students, clinical clerks, residents, fellows)
 5. Radiation Sciences
 6. Nursing

Public Outreach

- Department of Bioethics staff:
 1. Speak on bioethics issues to members of the public, e.g. schools, faith groups
 2. Give invited lectures and presentations at The Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto, many of which members of the public are free to attend.
 3. Participate in media activities which are intended to inform and educate the public.

Future Direction

- Projects under development include coordination of an ethics column for the journal Paediatrics and Child Health, a bioethics journal club at Sick Kids, and an external website.

Human Resources

- Their Human Resources includes:
 1. **Christine Harrison**, Director. General areas of interest/research: Children's involvement in healthcare decision making, complementary and alternative health care, end of life care, ethical issues in medical education.
 2. **Randi Zlotnik Shaul**, Bioethicist. General areas of interest/research: accountability in healthcare and research, innovation, rapid HIV testing.
 3. **Parviz Vanji**, Administrative Assistant
 4. **Suzanne Bojthy**, Volunteer

Sources of Funding

- The Department of Bioethics is funded by the Hospital for Sick Children. The Department has some funded research projects.

(14) Institute On Governance

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- The website is: <http://www.iog.ca/>
- There is a corporate brochure and a newsletter.

About the Centre

- The Institute On Governance (IOG) is a Canadian, non-profit think tank, with charitable status, founded in 1990 to promote effective governance in the public setting
- The Institute is primarily concerned with organizational ethics (governance issues)
- The Institute is a free standing research centre.

Mandate

- The Institute On Governance explores, shares and promotes responsible and responsive governance in Canada and abroad, and helps governments, the voluntary sector and communities put it into practice. From the IOG's perspective, governance is concerned with how decisions that are important to a society or an organization are taken. It defines who should have power and why, who should have voice in decision-making, and how account should be rendered. Governance, ethics and values are intimately related.

Research

- The Institute concentrates its work around specific knowledge areas, including:
 1. Aboriginal Governance
 2. Accountability and Performance Measurement
 3. Board Governance
 4. Building Policy Capacity
 5. Democratic Reform and Citizen Engagement
 6. Environmental Governance
 7. Health and Governance
 8. Technology and Governance
 9. Values, Ethics and Risk
 10. Voluntary Sector Governance
- Areas of recent IOG research include:
 1. Mapping the Ethics Landscape in the Science Context for Health Canada
 2. Codes of Public Service Ethics
 3. Integration of ethics in the policy, communication and workplace contexts
 4. Risk management strategies of the Government of Canada (results to be used to develop the Government Directive on Regulating)
 5. Ethics and Biotechnology

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The Institute has done ethics consultation work for Health Canada and provides research and advisory services for government departments and public-purpose organizations.

Education/Training Offered

- The IOG has been active in professional development services since its beginnings in 1990, and is continually developing new vehicles for sharing expertise.

- The Institute's learning programs include: workshops, roundtable discussions, seminar series, study tours, and international courses. We also offer specialized services to clients, such as course development, facilitation, and meeting design. Research-based and designed to engage participants through active learning, IOG programs include a variety of expert speakers, lively discussions, problem-solving through role-plays, and other interactive techniques.
- IOG workshops include:
 1. **Aboriginal Governance: Challenges and Perspectives**
 2. Art & Craft of Policy Making I
 3. Art & Craft of Policy Making II
 4. Building Effective Relationships with Aboriginal People
 5. Ethics for Decision Makers: It's All About 'Why'
 6. How Government Works
 7. Getting Governance Right: Boards in the Non-profit and Public Sectors
 8. **Getting Real about Results: What Public Service Executives Need to Know about Results-Based Management**
 9. Means, Ends, Indicators: Basics of Public-Sector Performance Measurement
 10. **The Big Picture: A Practitioner's Guide to Effective Government Communications Planning**
 11. Telling It Like It Is: Oral & Written Briefings

Public Outreach

- The Institute speaks at a wide variety of events both in Canada and abroad. Most recently, the IOG delivered presentations on Ethics in Guatemala and at the National Ethics Symposium in Ottawa.
- The IOG is active on a number of boards and organizations including the International Institute for Public Ethics, and the National Research Council's Research Ethics Board.

Future Direction

- The IOG current projects include:
 - The development of an Integrated Ethics Framework for the National Research Council
 - Advisory services and workshop design for the Canadian Biotechnology Secretariat on Ethics in the Policy context
 - On-going work on ethical decision-making and the development of Policy Briefs on Ethics http://www.iog.ca/view_publication_section.asp?area=14
 - Continuation of the work on harm reduction in the tobacco control context
 - Additional work on the integration of science and research ethics, policy ethics, and workplace ethics.

Human Resources

1. **Tim Plumptre**, President and Founder, (*His general areas of interest include health and governance; board governance; governance and public service reform issues; public policy and administration, democratic reform*)
2. **Claire Marshall**, Director, (*Her general areas of interest include building policy capacity; professional development; public service reform; communications and the central decision-making process*)
3. **Marc Saner**, Director, (*His general areas of interest include Ethics, Values and Risk; technology and governance; environmental governance*)
4. **Laura Edgar**, Director, (*Her general areas of interest include civil society - government relations; professional development; voluntary sector governance*)

5. **John Graham**, Senior Associate, (*His general areas of interest include Aboriginal governance; accountability and performance measurement; capacity development; citizen participation*)
6. **Evlyn Fortier**, Program Officer, (*Her general areas of interest include Epistemology and logic; Ethics; the application of Critical Thinking to ethical considerations of Technology*)
7. **Ellis Westwood**, Program Officer, (*His general areas of interest include public policy and international development*)
8. **Michael Bassett**, Program Officer, (*His general areas of interest include international development and civil society's role on issues relating to poverty eradication and global institutions*)

Sources of Funding

- The IOG has no core funding. Its programs are almost entirely self-financing, either through contracts or participant fees. The Institute occasionally receives support through secondments of senior professional staff from different levels of government.

(15) John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta

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- The website address for the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre is, <http://www.ualberta.ca/BIOETHICS/>
- A brochure is available from the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre to review the activities and services carried out by the Centre.

About the Centre

- In 1985 an informal committee started planning an ethics centre in Edmonton. The following year (June 1986), the Joint-Faculties Bioethics Project (JFBP) was launched. In 1990 the Division of Bioethics within the Faculty of Medicine achieved official status at the University of Alberta. Together, the JFBP and the Division on Bioethics comprise the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre.
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) the centre ranks their core priorities in terms of importance as follows: Clinical Ethics – 5, Research Ethics – 5, Relational Ethics – 4, Ethics and Mental Health Care – 3, Reproductive Health Ethics – 3, Ethics and Disability – 2, International Health Ethics – 1

Mandate

- The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre is an interdisciplinary centre committed to work in the area of health ethics. Through partnership and dialogue, the Dossetor Centre promotes professional and public reflection, debate and research on matters of ethical and moral concern in healthcare facilities and in their community.
- The Dossetor Centre strives to develop an interdisciplinary centre committed of excellence in health care ethics research, education and service in order to advance ethical considerations in the delivery of health care and in development of a sustainable, compassionate health care system for all Albertans. This is

accomplished by a non-sectarian approach toward focused research and publication of specific ethical issues and excellence in health ethics education for students, faculty and staff at the University of Alberta, members of Capital Health, other health care agencies and the general public.

Research

- *Health Ethics Today* is a publication of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and the Provincial Health Ethics Network, which was first produced in 1997. Prior to that the Centre had produced *The Bioethics Bulletin* from 1993-95.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The work of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre includes ethics consultation to the University of Alberta & Stollery Children's Hospitals, as well as other health care agencies in the Edmonton region.

Education/Training

- The Health Ethics seminar series is open to all faculty, staff and students at the University of Alberta as well as Capital Health staff and the public. Some of the topics include:
 1. Ethics in Hard Places The Ecology of Safer Systems in Modern Health Care
 2. Reflections on Ethics and Genetic Counseling
 3. Privacy vs. Practicality Discussion of Alberta's New Provincial Electronic Health Record
- Some of their graduate courses include topics in:
 1. Health Care Ethics
 2. Research Ethics
 3. Recent Debates in Health Ethics: Whose Reality, Truth, Authority?

Public Outreach

- The Health Ethics seminar series is open to all faculty, staff and students at the University of Alberta as well as Capital Health staff and the public.
- The annual Health Ethics Symposium reaches out to the professional associations of many health care disciplines in Alberta (e.g., Alberta Medical Association, Health Sciences Association of Alberta, Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta), British Columbia and Saskatchewan, as well as the Provincial Health Ethics Network, University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and many other organizations.
- The newsletter, *Health Ethics Today*, has a circulation of approximately 7000, which includes Alberta physicians and health care professionals, academics, members of the Canadian Bioethics Society, the Provincial Health Ethics Network and friends of the Dossetor Centre, In addition, issues of *Health Ethics Today* are posted on the Dossetor Centre's website: (<http://www.ualberta.ca?BIOETHICS/>).
- One of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre's recent achievements has been the organization and implementation of an annual symposium on health ethics that concern the modern day health care practice. Two successful symposia have been hosted by the Centre since its conception; the first on 6 August 2003 and the second on 18 June 2004.

Future Direction

- More interdisciplinary research initiatives in the area of health ethics continue to be planned for the near future.

Human Resources

- The faculty at the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre include:
 1. **Wendy Austin** RN, Ph.D. (In July 2003 she was awarded a Canada Research Chair in Relational Ethics in Health Care. Her current research also includes a SSHRC-funded study on *Ethical Relationships in Forensic Settings*).
 2. **Vangie Bergum** RN, Ph.D. (Her research focus for a number of years has been in the area of Relational Ethics).
 3. **Paul Byrne** MB, ChB, FRCPC - Acting Director (His research focuses on ethical decision making in perinatal medicine).
 4. **Glenn Griener** Ph.D. (His research interests are research ethics and bioethics theory).
 5. **Barbara Russell** Ph.D., M.B.A. (Her research interests are in organizational ethics, health care and money/financing, end-of-life care and chronic care, and the role of moral perception and imagination in sound decision-making).
 6. **Laura Shanner** Ph.D. (Has performed research in ethics, law and policy in reproduction. Her work is moving towards public health concerns and global equity issues related to health care technology).
- The staff include:
 1. **Carol Nahorniak**, BSc. Centre Administrator
 2. **Edna Liley**, Information Officer

Sources of Funding

- Their sources of funding include:
 1. University of Alberta:
 - Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta
 - Health Sciences Council, University of Alberta
 2. Associated Medical Services for Health Ethics Symposium (2004)

(16) McGill's Bioethics Center

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- Their website is <http://www.mcgill.ca/biomedicalethicsunit>
- They have a brochure

About the Centre

- The Biomedical Ethics Unit of McGill University, Montreal, was established in 1996 as a multidisciplinary unit in the Faculty of Medicine.
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) this centre ranks their core priorities in terms of importance as follows:
 - Clinical ethics - 5
 - Research Ethics - 5
 - Organizational Ethics - 3

Mandate

- The mandate of the Unit is to provide an environment and a staff with the needed skills and academic disciplines to accomplish a number of goals in four related areas: [research](#) , [clinical services](#) , [teaching](#) and information

Research

- Research interests of faculty members include genetics and ethics, ethics of biomedical research, ethical issues related to gene therapy and stem cell research, ethical issues in end-of-life care, questions of social justice and

- allocation of scarce health care resources, methods and theories of moral reasoning, understandings of relational autonomy, ethical issues in organ transplantation, feminist ethics, and moral reasoning and public policy analysis.
- Among the Unit's scholarly activities is the [Clinical Trials Research Group \(CTRG\)](#), a multidisciplinary group dedicated to investigating ethical and legal questions in research involving humans.
 - The CTRG's members and research trainees have explored a wide range of issues dealing with clinical trials, including:
 1. the ethical analysis of risk
 2. the concept of "minimal risk"
 3. the inclusion of children, women and the elderly in medical research
 4. eligibility for participation in clinical trials
 5. genetic research
 6. competence to consent
 7. community involvement in research design and conduct
 8. the obligation for monitoring ongoing research
 9. the ethics of using placebos
 10. conflicts of interest in research

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The Biomedical Ethics Unit is closely linked to and supported by the hospitals and committees of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) and the other McGill teaching and affiliated hospitals. The Unit is responsible for providing them with both clinical ethics and research ethics services.
- The institutions and departments served by Unit members include:
 1. CLSC (community health centre) Côte des Neiges
 2. Douglas Hospital
 3. Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital
 4. McGill Department of Family Medicine
 5. McGill Reproductive Centre
 6. Montreal Chest Institute
 7. Montreal Children's Hospital
 8. Montreal General Hospital
 9. Montreal Neurological Hospital & Institute
 10. Royal Victoria Hospital & Research Institute Royal Victoria Hospital & Research Institute
 11. Shriners' Hospital
 12. Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital
- Unit members each have clinical appointments in one or more of these hospitals, spend an average of two days per week on site, and are available at other times as well. Their primary responsibilities are:
 1. to provide ethics consultations on request by hospital staff, patients or family members regarding specific cases or hospital policies and practices;
 2. to serve as members and/or chairs of the hospitals' clinical ethics committees and research ethics committees;
 3. to provide ethics teaching rounds for hospital units, services and departments.

Public Outreach

- Unit Members inform on a regular basis the McGill University community, the public and the media about current bioethical issues, by means of lectures, conferences, seminars and media interviews
- A yearly workshop is organized for members of McGill's Research Ethics Boards

and the research community to keep them up to date on research ethics developments and to provide a forum for the exchange of views and emerging problem areas.

- A number of conferences and seminars are sponsored or co-sponsored by the Unit each year for the McGill community and the public.

Education/Training Offered

- Unit Members teach courses and ethics rounds in a number of contexts, at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Ethics and health law courses, seminars and rounds are provided for medical students during their undergraduate training, to hospital residents in a large number of residency programs and departments, to graduate students enrolled in the Bioethics Master's Program administered by this Unit, and McGill hospital staff and services.
- Ethics courses or seminars are provided by Unit members to the following departments and schools: Philosophy, Psychology, Human Genetics, Family Medicine, Epidemiology, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Microbiology & Immunology, Physical and Occupational Therapy.

Future Direction

- The Biomedical Ethics Unit is developing a research ethics education program for the Faculty of Medicine. This is being coordinated with the Office of Research Ethics for the McGill University Health Centre. The program is aimed initially at members of Research Ethics Boards and REB coordinators, but will be expanded to include investigators and trainees in future years.

Human Resources

- Faculty members teaching graduate-level courses within the Master's Specialization include:
 1. Kathleen Glass, LL.B. B.C.L., D.C.L. (MCG.) Director of the Biomedical Ethics Unit. (*Her research interests include ethical and legal issues relevant to children, the elderly, psychiatric patients and research subjects, with a particular interest in genetic issues*).
 2. E. Bereza; B.A, M.D., C.M. (McG), C.C.F.P. (C) (*His general areas of interest include assessment of minimal risk in social science research as it relates to community health care, comparative assessment of innovative care versus clinical research with respect to developing proportionate standards of informed consent, xeno-transplantation, reproductive technologies, end-of-life care, physician assisted suicide and euthanasia*).
 3. L. Turner; B.A. (Winn) M.A. (Manit), M.A., Ph.D. (S. Calif.) (*His general areas of interest include agenda setting in bioethics, ethical issues in end-of-life care, ethical and social issues related to genetics and biotechnology, and bioethics and public policy*).
 4. C. Eills; R.R.T (VGH), M.A. Ph.D (Tenn) (*Her general areas of interest include the intersection of autonomy and chronic impairment, ethics and health policy, organizational ethics, and feminist ethics*).
 5. F. Carnevale, RN, MSc, PhD. Associate Professor, McGill School of Nursing (*His general areas of interest include the psychological experience of critically ill children and their families, pain management in critically ill children, ethical issues in pediatric intensive care, ethical issues in nursing, the significance of cultural diversity within ethical dilemmas in pediatric intensive care, and epistemological foundations of clinical reasoning*).
 6. Edward W. Keyserlingk, LTh, LL.M, PhD. (*His general areas of interests include*

critical care informed consent, end-of life decision making, euthanasia, sanctity of life/quality of life, advance directives; medical judgment standards of care, negligence, physicians as moral agents; research ethics dementia research, research codes; cross-cultural law and ethics international research ethics codes, HIV/AIDS research in Africa; environmental ethics and law; the interaction of law and ethics in biomedicine).

7. Denis Cournoyer, MDCM. *Dr. Cournoyer is the Director of the McGill University Health Centre's Office of Research Ethics. He has an interest in research ethics and the ethics of gene transfer research).*
8. Jane Chambers-Evans, N, MSc.A, MSc (Bioethics) *(Her areas of interest are end-of-life care, surrogate decision-making and the role of family in care decisions. She chairs the McGill University Health Centre's Clinical Ethics Committee).*
9. Thomas Maniatis, MDCM, FRCPC, MSc (Bioethics)*(Dr. Maniatis is Director of the McGill Residency Program in Internal Medicine. He also has an interest in the ethics of innovative care.)*
10. Jonathan Kimmelman, PhD., *(His general areas of interest include the ethical, social and policy dimensions of biotechnologies).*

Sources of Funding

- The Biomedical Ethics Unit is located within the Faculty of Medicine which provides budgetary support for faculty and administration of the Unit. Some of the McGill University affiliated hospitals provide part time salary support for faculty who hold positions as clinical ethicist within the hospitals.
- Faculty research is currently funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Associated Medical Services, Genome Quebec and the Stem Cell Genomics and Therapeutic Network.

Administrative Support

- In kind administrative support for the Master's Specialization in Bioethics is provided by the Faculty of Medicine, Division of Experimental Medicine; Faculty of Law; Faculty of Religious Studies; and the Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy. Applicants are reviewed through these academic units as well as by the Biomedical Ethics Unit.

(17) Memorial University of Newfoundland Program in Medical Humanities, Ethics and Law

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About the Centre

- Memorial University does not have a formal "Centre for Health Care Ethics". However, a variety of developments in recent years both in the Faculty of Medicine, the Health Care Corporation of St. John's, and to a lesser extent, in the Faculty of Arts, have resulted in the recruitment of a dynamic group of scholars and clinicians who are now teaching and doing research in various areas of health care ethics, and who contribute to a vibrant clinical ethics program in the Health Care Corporation.
- The Faculty of Medicine at Memorial first recruited a full time medical ethicist in 1998. The ethicist's responsibilities are split between teaching and research in the Faculty of Medicine, and the provision of clinical ethics support to the Health Care

Corporation. Currently the medical ethicist reports directly to the Dean of Medicine and is not appointed to any specific division or discipline within the faculty. However, with the recent appointment of another full time ethicist and the recruitment of a Professor of the History of Medicine, discussions are underway to formalize a program in Medical Humanities, Ethics and Law. Current indications are that the primary faculty affiliated with this program will be located in the Division of Community Health.

Mandate

- The mandate of the medical humanities, ethics and law group is to provide instruction in the undergraduate and post-graduate programs in medicine, and to provide clinical support to the Health Care Corporation of St. John's.

Research

- The ethics related research of the members of the group covers the gamut of health ethics including research ethics, ethics and aging, genetics, end-of-life care, privacy, and health policy. Faculty have been highly successful in obtaining funding through CIHR, SSHRC, and other funding bodies.
- Faculty members work extensively with a variety of provincial and national agencies including the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Health and Community Services, CIHR Standing Committee on Ethics, various CIHR Advisory Boards, NCEHR, Genome Canada and others.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The two full-time academic ethicists have clinical appointments with the Health Care Corporation where they work extensively with the four program clinical ethics committees, with the administrative ethics committee, and with the corporate ethics committee which has oversight over the other activities. The head of pastoral care for the Corporation serves as the ethics lead for the corporation and provides excellent leadership in that regard. A physician with extensive post-graduate training in ethics provides additional consultation support.

Training/Education

- While the bulk of teaching activities within the Faculty of Medicine are focused on undergraduate medical students and residents, their full time faculty are either supervising or serving on thesis committees of graduate students from a variety of disciplines and programs including philosophy, anthropology, history, MPhil Humanities, and community health. They have had one post-doctoral fellow (philosophy) and anticipate attracting others in the future. In addition to teaching activities in the Faculty of Medicine, extensive training and educational activities are provided both in the Health Care Corporation, in the School of Nursing, and through various professional organizations in the province (Medical Board, Nurses Association, etc.). The Health Care Corporation sponsors three full day ethics education workshops per year which are open to employees of the corporation as well as those from outside the region. These activities are always well attended (i.e. more than 100 registrants per session). In addition faculty members are often invited to travel to other regions of the province to provide continuing medical education sessions for physicians, and to conduct ethics workshops with the broader health care community.

Public Outreach

- There is no formal public outreach policy or practice in place. However, faculty

members are interviewed frequently by both local and national media on a variety of ethics related issues.

Future Directions

- It is anticipated that in the near future the Faculty of Medicine will formally establish a program in Medical Humanities, Ethics and Law. Preliminary discussions are underway with the Faculty of Arts about the possibility of establishing a Centre for Medical Humanities, Ethics and Law.

Human Resources

- There is an interdisciplinary team of three full-time and two part-time faculty working closely with the head of the Health Care Corporation clinical ethics program. The core team includes:
 1. Daryl Pullman, PhD (Ethics, Philosophy), Associate Professor of Medical Ethics
 2. Fern Brunger, PhD (Ethics, Medical Anthropology), Assistant Professor of Health Care Ethics
 3. James Connor, PhD (History of Medicine), Professor of History of Medicine.
 4. Natalie Bandrauk, MD, MSc (Ethics) provides additional educational and consultation support as part of her clinical appointment in Medicine.
 5. Barbara Barrowman MD, LLB is a part time instructor in Health Law.
 6. Rick Singleton, D.Min heads up the clinical ethics program in the Health Care Corporation.

Sources of Funding

- Faculty positions are funded through the Faculty of Medicine which also provides salary support for the part-time administrative assistant. The Health Care Corporation provides Dr. Singleton's salary and that of his administrative assistant. In addition the Health Care Corporation provides some funding (.2 FTE) to the Faculty of Medicine in payment for the clinical services of the faculty ethicists.

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- There is no brochure for this centre.

About the Centre

- Dr. Sandra Taylor was hired in 1991 to be the bioethicist for the Faculty of Medicine and Kingston General Hospital. Dr. Ellen Tsai joined her as a part time ethicist and full time physician five years ago. Their priorities are teaching bioethics to undergraduate and post graduate students in medicine and other areas of health care. Dr. Taylor is on call for ethics consults 24/7 and Dr. Tsai takes the pager when she is out of town.

Mandate

- The aim of the Office of Bioethics is to coordinate the Bioethics Program in the School of Medicine and provide educational resources to other areas of Queen's

University and the South Eastern Ontario Health Sciences Centre.

Research

- Dr. Taylor's areas of research are end of life issues, research ethics and organizational ethics among other things. Dr. Tsai is particularly interested in pediatric ethics and medical education.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The Centre offers consultation at Kingston General Hospital. Dr. Taylor is also called upon frequently to assist community hospitals and agencies with issues in ethics.

Training/Education Offered

- The Centre offers a clinical practicum for graduate students in philosophy who are interested in bioethics.
- They provide educational resources to other areas of Queen's University and the South Eastern Ontario Health Sciences Centre

Public Outreach

- Both Dr. Taylor and Dr. Tsai are asked to speak to groups in the community about issues in bioethics.

Human Resources

- **Dr. Sandra Taylor**, Director, Office of Bioethics, Faculty of Health Sciences. (Her interests include End of life issues, research ethics)
- **Dr. Ellen Tsai**, Paediatric Intensive Care, Kingston General Hospital. (Her interests include Paediatric ethics, medical education)
- **Yvonne Mercer**, Secretary

Sources of Funding

- Their sources of funding include Queen's University, KGH and a small endowment.

(19) Parizeau Marie-Hélène, GREME

GREME stands for « Groupe de Recherche en Éthique Médicale et Environnementale » (Research Committee in medical ethics and environmental ethics)

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- There is no brochure for this centre

About the Centre

- The research team in medical ethics was created in 1983, and was focusing at this time on medical ethics. In 1999, the dimension of "environmental ethics" was added, and the GREM is changed for GREME. Depending on grants, the GREME

trains students, and promotes research in the fields of medical and environmental ethics.

M-H Parizeau's Mandate

- Full professor
- Head of the GREME
- Incumbent of the Canada Research Chairs in bioethics and environmental ethics

Research

- **M-H Parizeau's Research**
 - Major fields of training and research:
 - Moral philosophy, political philosophy, applied ethics, bioethics, environmental ethics
- **GREME** Head: Marie-Hélène Parizeau Objective: research on the status of the embryo, on the decision making processes of ethics and research committees, on DNA banks, human experimentation and genomics, genetic discrimination and handicaps.

Clinical Ethics

- Mrs. Parizeau is solicited to give her opinion as an expert, organizes seminars, and gives conferences in several domains. She is also a member of a few ethical committees.

Education/Training Offered

- Graduate (Master Degree) in applied ethics
- Seminars for master and doctorate in environmental ethics and bioethics

Future Direction

- Deeper environmental ethics research development

Human Resources

- Many students have worked and still work on different research projects in the course of the years.
- Mrs Mireille Boisvert, research professional, coordinates the different projects.

Sources of Funding

- The funding depends on the research grants attracted by Mrs Parizeau

(19) Parizeau Marie-Hélène, GREME (Groupe de recherche en éthique médicale et environnementale)

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- Pas de brochure de disponible

Historique

- Le groupe de recherche en éthique médicale voit le jour en 1983 et s'intéresse alors principalement à l'éthique médicale. En 1999, on ajoute la dimension "éthique de l'environnement" et le GREM est transformé en GREME. Au gré des subventions, ce groupe veut former des étudiants et développer la recherche dans les vastes domaines de l'éthique médicale et de l'éthique environnementale

Mission (de Mme Parizeau)

- Professeure titulaire
- Responsable du groupe de recherche en éthique médicale et environnementale (GREME)
- Titulaire de la Chaire de recherche du Canada en bioéthique et éthique de l'environnement

Activités de Recherche

- Principaux champs d'enseignement et de recherche de **Mme Parizeau**
 - Philosophie morale; Philosophie politique; Éthique appliquée; Bioéthique; Éthique de l'environnement.
- Groupe de recherche en éthique médicale (**GREME**) Responsable: Marie-Hélène Parizeau Objectif: recherches sur le statut de l'embryon, les processus décisionnels des comités d'éthique clinique et de la recherche, les banques d'ADN populationnelles, l'expérimentation humaine et la génomique, la discrimination génétique et handicap

Éthique clinique

- Mme Parizeau est demandée pour des consultations pour des avis d'experts, elle organise des séminaires et donne des conférences dans plusieurs milieux. Elle est aussi membre de quelques comités d'éthique.

Enseignement/formation offerts

- [Diplôme de deuxième cycle en éthique appliquée](#)
- Séminaires de maîtrise et de doctorat en éthique environnementale et bioéthique.

Portée Publique

- Non

Orientation

- Développement plus en profondeur de la recherche en éthique de l'environnement

Ressources humaines

- Plusieurs étudiants ont travaillé et travaillent encore sur différents projets de recherche au cours des années. De plus une professionnelle de recherche, Mme Mireille Boisvert, assume des fonctions de coordination des différents projets.

Financement

- Le financement est en fonction des subventions de recherche obtenues par le professeur Marie-Hélène Parizeau

(20) Providence Health Care Ethics Services

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- The Centre does not yet have a website but the main site (off of which the ethics services site will be operational within the year) is <http://www.providencehealthcare.ca/>
- There is no brochure for the Centre

About the Centre

- PHC came into being in the mid-nineties. It is the largest Catholic Health Care organization in the country with institutions providing services that range from acute to residential care. PHC Ethics Services and Ethics Mentor Network first came into being as part of PHC's Mission Integration portfolio.
- The services offered include ongoing clinical ethics consultation, ongoing ethics-based policy analysis, ongoing ethics education & capacity building, support for the Research Ethics Board, development of ethics infrastructure/ ethics mentor network, ethics communication and outreach, and support for ethics in wider community. Of these, clinical consultation, policy analysis and ethics education and capacity building are the highest priority.

Mandate

- The broad goals of PHC ethics services are to strengthen the role of ethics and ethical reflection within the organization and to increase the capacity of the PHC community to access ethical resources, make informed decisions and understand the unique voice the organization brings to ethical reflection.

Research

- The research undertaken by the two clinical ethicists spans a range of issues including work on HIV/AIDS, clinical ethics, research ethics, ethics and public policy, and public health and ethics

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- Clinical ethics consultation at PHC involves support for staff, patients/residents and families in times of acute ethical uncertainty or conflict. It includes ethics support for values clarification and conflict resolution across PHC sites. Approximately 75 clinical consults are provided annually.

Education/Training Offered

- PHC Ethics Services hosts two biannual two-day ethics seminars every year. These include special sessions targeted at PHC ethics resource people (ethics mentors) and sessions that are open to the wider bioethics community of Greater Vancouver. In addition, between 30 and 40 additional inservices and training sessions are offered throughout the year in various clinical and leadership settings.

Future Direction

- Key projects underway include:
 1. Harmonization of "Do Not Resuscitate/Levels of Intervention" Policies and Protocols Across PHC Sites.
 - Ethics services is leading a multi-site, multi-disciplinary project to develop

harmonized approach to discussing and documenting advance care planning decisions, including decisions about attempted resuscitation and appropriate levels of care.

2. Giving Bad News video.
 - Independent funding had been secured by a team including Dr. Paddy Rodney, Dr. David Kuhl and Doug Nicolle (media services), for the development of a video on how to give bad news. Ethics services is co-leading this project with PHC media services. The shooting of the video is complete and the project is in the post-production stage. This excellent video resource should be available for distribution by early 2005.

Human Resources

- The Human Resources at the centre include:
 1. **Tom Maddix**, CSC, VP, Mission, Ethics & Spirituality.
 2. **Bashir Jiwani**, MA serves as PHC Health Care Ethicist and Leader of the PHC Ethics Network. He reports to the VP, Mission, Ethics & Spirituality.
 3. **Timothy Christie**, Ph.D also serves as a Health Care Ethicist. His focus is research ethics and he reports to the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS

Sources of Funding

- PHC Ethics Services is almost complete supported by Providence Health Care.

(21) Provincial Health Ethics Network (PHEN)

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- Their website is <http://www.phen.ab.ca/>
- They have a brochure.

About the Centre

- On December 12, 1995, the Provincial Health Ethics Network was established as a Society in Alberta.
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) the Centre ranks their core priorities in terms of importance as follows: Education 5, Coordination and Networking 5.
- The Centre is not affiliated with a university, other than informally. It is 'free-standing' but it is not a research centre. It is a non-profit, registered society and charitable institution, receiving its primary funding from government and regional health authorities.

Mandate

- Their Mandate is to:
 - Facilitate examination, discussion, and decision-making with respect to ethical issues in health and health care by:
 1. Connecting individuals and organizations with an interest in health ethics with each other and with health ethics resources.
 2. Working towards better coordination of ethics consultation, education and awareness-raising activities

3. Providing education and support for ethical reflection and decision-making

Research

- Although PHEN is not primarily a research body, it currently has two areas of research interest: (1) resource allocation ethics (2) public consultation as part of health resource allocation policy decision-making.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- PHEN provides most of its services in a consultative capacity directly to health organizations, including hospitals and continuing care centres. Its primary task is to support health organizations in building their internal capacity to address ethics issues, and network them with other organizations attempting to do the same.

Education/Services Offered

- Their educational and other services include:
 1. **Article Database:**
 - Over 1000 articles available on a variety of health ethics topics
 2. **Bioethics Week:**
 - Provides support and resources to organizations wishing to host ethics education events
 3. **Conference, Annual:**
 - Primary networking opportunity for those interested and working on ethics issues in health and it is attended by 200-300 health care providers and administrators annually.
 4. **Conferences, Special:**
 - Conferences held in conjunction with related organizations designed to address a specific issue, eg. Ethics at the End of Life and Ethics and Accreditation for Health Organizations.
 5. **Distance Education Course in Bioethics for Alberta:**
 - Provides intensive, high-quality ethics education regardless of geographic location
 - Features interaction with a number of internationally renown bioethicists
 6. **Distance Education Course in Bioethics for Regional Health Authorities:**
 - Based on the original PHEN course, adapted for regional health authorities
 - Focus on building skills to resolve ethics issues arising in clinical practice
 7. **Ethics Committee Membership & Support in Consultation:**
 - Support for consultation services at several hospitals & continuing care centres
 8. **Education Fund:**
 - Provides grants of up to \$500 each to members wishing to undertake educational projects, including attend health ethics conferences, to enhance their awareness of health ethics issues.
 9. **Ethics Committee Listserv:**
 - Email discussion list for members of ethics committees in Alberta
 - Provides opportunity to share best practices and solicit suggestions and recommendations
 10. **Ethics and Health Resource Allocation: A Primer for Policy-Makers:**
 - Originally developed for the PHEN Resource Allocation Conference, now distributed separately in response to demand and in its second printing
 - Provides an intensive introduction to resource allocation ethics for administrators, clinician managers, board members and other policy-

makers

11. Handbook of Health Ethics:

- Sale & distribution of easily accessible resource for care providers; offers an overview of a variety of front-line ethical issues arising in acute and community care
- Produced in conjunction with the University of Alberta John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre & Capital Health Region

12. Introduction to Health Ethics Committees:

- Publication provides guidance to Alberta RHAs and organizations who wish to develop ethics committees or regional ethics resources, now in its fourth printing

13. Newsletters and Periodicals:

- In Touch – a bimonthly membership bulletin providing information on upcoming ethics events and featuring articles by members of the bioethics community on timely topics
- Health Ethics Today – bioethics periodical distributed to 5000 care professionals/administrators, published in conjunction with the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta

14. Personal (Advance) Directives Resources:

- Distribution of extensive offering of materials on personal (advance) directives and ethical issues related to end-of-life questions

15. Policy Consultation:

- Providing ad hoc support, and where appropriate appointing representative members to policy initiatives at the provincial or regional level, to facilitate consideration of the ethical implications of these policies. Examples include the Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Implementation Committee and the Premier's Council on the Future of the Health System.

16. Public & Care Provider Inquiries:

- Response to hundreds of inquiries for information & referral through 1-800 lines

17. Regional Ethics Representative Forum:

- Annual Spring Meeting of Alberta Regional Health Authority Ethics Representatives and Clinical Ethics Committee Chairs
- Provides an opportunity to exchange information regarding the development of local ethics services and share best practices

18. Resource Allocation Ethics Project:

- A major research and education project addressing ethical issues in the allocation of scarce health resources at the meso-level.

19. Support for Development of Regional Ethics Resources/Committees:

- Provides consultation for those regions wishing to develop their ethics services capacity
- Offers guidance for those wishing to meet and exceed accreditation standards for ethics

20. Video Library & Reviews:

- Extensive library of videos to be used for educational purposes
- Reviews of several hundred health ethics videos available at libraries across the province

21. Workshops and Modules:

- Over 400 workshops conducted since PHEN's inception
- Sixteen standard modules now available to any Alberta organization, includes Ethics and: Capacity, Informed Consent, Resource Allocation, End-of-Life Issues and Disability

22. **Values-Based Frameworks for Public Consultation on Priorities in Health/Health Care:**

- Pilot project regarding soliciting informed and thoughtful public input on values and priorities in health & health care; completing Phase I, Preliminary Research and International Review
- Community partners and financial supporters include Edmonton, Calgary, Medicine Hat and Red Deer Community Foundations and the Clifford E. Lee Foundation

23. **Web Site:**

- Regularly updated with resources for health care administrators, providers and members of the public.
- Recently developed e-commerce capability for purchasing materials, registering for events and purchasing memberships on-line.

Public Outreach

- Most of PHEN's services are *open to* the public. In particular, the following programs/services listed above are *targeted* primarily at the public:
 1. **Articles Database**
 2. **Bioethics Week**
 3. **Conference, Annual**
 4. **Conferences, Special**
 5. **Library**
 6. **Personal/Advance Directives Resources**
 7. **Public and Care Provider Inquiries**
 8. **Web site**

Future Direction

- The following programs are currently in the development or planning stages:
 1. **Ethics and Accreditation Conference:**
 - Hosting a workshop jointly with the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation to provide guidance and support for health organizations seeking to better understand how to meet accreditation requirements relating to ethics
 2. **Bioethics Week Resources For Teachers:**

Development of resources for elementary and junior high school teachers to introduce and discuss bioethics topics in the classroom
 3. **Bioethics Week Resources:**
 - Further development of existing Bioethics Week resources (activity guide booklet, posters, brochures) into a resource kit with a view to making it available and easily adaptable by other jurisdictions outside of Alberta and Canada
 - Proceeds would be channeled towards future Bioethics Week projects in Alberta
 4. **Clinical Consultation Guide:**
 - Development of a handy guide to conducting ethics consultations
 5. **Discussion Papers:**
 - Development of briefs or summaries that would be made available to health administrators, governors, providers and care recipients providing analysis of timely or significant health system issues from an explicit ethics perspective
 - Possible topics include electronic health records and privacy; privately provided health services; withholding and withdrawing treatments, culturally sensitive care delivery.

6. **Distance Education Course for Ethics Committees:**
Development of existing distance education course resources (video and print) into a format that would be made available to be purchased by ethics committees and faculties of nursing and medicine in Canada and U.S.
Could serve as the basis for an intensive introductory bioethics course for members or students
7. **Ethics Committee Resource Binder Template:**
Development of a template for ethics committees wishing to distribute to their members basic information regarding function, consultation, purpose and resources of the committee
8. **Forum on Ethics and Disability:**
 - Development of a joint project, possibly in conjunction with community disability organization(s), to facilitate, and address concerns arising from, meaningful dialogue between members of the disability and bioethics communities
9. **Media Resources:**
Materials or website section developed especially to provide media with information and support re reporting on bioethics issues
10. **PHEN Organizational History:**
Writing of a paper reflecting on the 'experiment' of PHEN in Alberta, with a view to allowing others to benefit from its successes, challenges and failures.
11. **Resource Allocation Project:**
 - Major project designed to follow-up on the 2003 Resource Allocation Conference
 - Designed to provide on-going and direct support to those RHAs wishing to incorporate explicit ethics criteria into decision-making processes
 - Presently seeking external funding to launch program

Human Resources

- Their Staff (part-time and full-time) includes:
 - **Deb Fisher, Office Administrator**
 - general area of interest is ethics and developmental disabilities
 - **Amy Middleton, Programming Assistant**
 - *general areas of interest include women's health, feminist ethics, health promotion and education, community health development and social determinants of health*
 - **Al-Noor Nenshi Nathoo, Executive Director**
 - *general areas of interest include ethics and social justice, resource allocation, and health care and poverty*
 - **Bashir Jiwani, Special Projects Consultant**
 - *general areas of interest include ethics committees, ethics and public health policy, ethical decision-making, and bioethics in a multicultural context*

Sources of Funding

- The Provincial Health Ethics Network is funded primarily by the Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness and the ten Regional Health Authorities and Boards of Alberta

(22) Saint Paul University Ethics Centre

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- Their website is, http://web.ustpaul.uottawa.ca/en/research/ethics_center/
- This Centre has a brochure

About the Centre

- Established in 1989 by a group of professors from the Faculty of Theology of Saint Paul University, and devoted to the promotion of a quality dialogue on ethical issues raised by technology in a pluralist society, the Centre for Techno-Ethics received the mandate, in September 2000, to broaden its fields of research and intervention. On June 30, 2001, the name of the Centre was changed to Saint Paul University Ethics Centre, to indicate the broadening of the Centre's interests. Areas of study include Ethics in the workplace, Ethics and the Media, Bioethics, and other fields related to current issues.
- The Centre is bilingual and offers services and activities in both official Canadian languages.
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) they rank the core priorities of their centre in terms of importance as follows: Education and service to the community: 5, Formation: 4, Organizational ethics: 3, Clinical ethics: 2, Research ethics: 2.

Mandate

- Saint Paul University Ethics Centre is a university body dedicated to promote reflection and open dialogue on ethical issues encountered by society. They desire to pursue, support, and ensure:
 1. An ethical dialogue at the international, national, and local levels, between researchers, decision-makers, the general public, among researchers of various cultures, professions and backgrounds.
 2. Interdisciplinary research by bringing together practitioners and researchers from different backgrounds to work on research projects on contemporary ethical issues and by contributing to the development of knowledge with the perspective of integrating students in the research activities of the Centre
 3. A service to the community by the establishment of a network of resources, consultation, and service to provide access to the best possible information and research in ethics.
 4. Formation of students, from universities as well as from targeted groups; formation of the public, who faces the ethical challenges of our contemporary world.

Research

- The Centre's focus includes research into:
 1. Values, Ethics and Public Service: What's Working in the Public Interest?
 2. The Common Good: Individual Rights and Community Responsibilities
 3. Embryonic and Fetal Stem Cells: Exploring and Extending Catholic Responses
 4. Justice and Compassion in Health Reform
 5. Ethical Responsibility and the Right to Use of Animal in Research
 6. Genomics and Its Applications: Ethical Stakes
 7. Genetic Profile: What Benefits, What Threats?
 8. Cloning and Christian Faith
 9. Reproductive technologies and Canadian legislation
 10. Balancing new information technology practices with human rights
 11. Workplace Ethics: Insights from the work of Bernard Lonergan

12. Fondements de l'éthique des médias

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The director is a member of two hospitals' clinical ethics committee. The Centre is often requested to provide advice and insight by hospital ethicists or/and clinical and research committee members.

Education/Training Offered

- The Ethics Centre is offering three (3) \$1,250.00 scholarships to full-time students registered in a graduate studies programme in Ethics or related area at Saint Paul University.
- The Centre offers lectures, workshop and panels destined for specific clientele or open to the public at large.

Public Outreach

- The Centre has a Seminar Series entitled "Dialogue in Ethics" that is designed to promote reflection on ethical issues encountered by society and to gather students, professors and the public to discuss various ethical questions.

Future Direction

- The Centre is organizing a National Ethics Symposium on Values and Ethics in the Public Sector: How to Serve the Public Interest? (September 24, 25 and 26, 2004). For more information, please see their Web site at: www.ustpaul.ca/symposium

Human Resources

- Their Board of Directors includes:
 1. **Mrs. Ghislaine Bourque**, Director, Saint Paul University Research Services
 2. **Mr. Michel Brazeau**, Director, Canadian Centre for Management Development, Public Ethics
 3. **Prof. Wojciech Kowal, O.M.I.**, Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University
 4. **Mr. François Poitras**, Doctoral Student, representing Graduate Students, Saint Paul University, Technology and Gabriel Marcel
 5. **Dr. Jean-François Rioux**, Faculty of Human Sciences, Conflict Resolution Studies, Saint Paul University
 6. **Dr. Carolyn Sharp**, Faculty of Theology, Concentration in Ethics, Saint Paul University, Sexual Ethics, Social Ethics and Feminist Ethics
 7. **Dr. Noël Simard**, Faculty of Theology, Concentration in Ethics, and Director, Saint Paul University Ethics Centre, Bioethics, Fundamental Ethics, Social Ethics

Sponsorship

- The Centre is totally funded by Saint Paul University.

(23) Salvation Army Ethics Centre

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- Their website is, <http://ethics.salvationarmy.ca/>
- There is no brochure for this centre

About the Centre

- In 1991, Dr. James Read was engaged as the Bioethics Consultant for The Salvation Army in Canada, to assist with policy advisement, case consultation and bioethics education for the Boards, management and staff of the 11 hospitals and 19 long-term care institutions in the Salvation Army health network at that time.
- That work grew into the establishment of The Salvation Army Ethics Centre in 1994, with a commission to expand on the work done in health care ethics and to offer similar ethics services to other branches of the work of the Salvation Army in Canada and other parts of the world.
- The Centre is engaged to provide service on a limited basis to other individuals and groups beyond the Salvation Army as well. In the area of health care, the Ethics Centre provides staff support for the work of the Manitoba Health Care Ethics Committee Network (a grassroots organization with 40 institutional members).
- The academic affiliation of the Centre is maintained through faculty appointments of the Centre staff and the Centre's physical location on the campus of Booth College (an Approved Teaching Centre of University of Manitoba and a constituent member of the Theological Consortium of University of Winnipeg).
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) the Centre ranks their core priorities in terms of importance as follows: 5-Ethics education, 4-Committee support, 3-Clinical ethics 2-Organizational ethics, 1-Public policy research/advocacy
- The Centre is a unit of the Executive Department of The Salvation Army's national office, assisted by a strong Advisory Board. In this sense it is "free standing." Dr. James Read is a tenured member of the faculty of Booth College, Winnipeg.

Mandate

- The Salvation Army, as an international movement, is an evangelical branch of the Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible; its ministry is motivated by love for God and a practical concern for the needs of humanity. Its mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, supply basic human needs, provide personal counseling and undertake the spiritual and moral regeneration and physical rehabilitation of all persons in need who come within its sphere of influence regardless of race, colour, creed, sex or age.
- The Salvation Army Ethics Centre is an institution in which the study, proclamation and practice of ethics, Christian in perspective, are performed with the highest possible degree of expertise and contemporary relevance.
- The Salvation Army Ethics Centre is a resource attuned to the needs of the times for those who choose to decide, act and speak with moral clarity and conviction. They respect the ethical dimension of all human endeavors. They study, teach, and practice moral integrity. They aim to exemplify the classic moral virtues of love, hope, faith, courage, temperateness, justice, and practical wisdom.

Research

- Most Centre research is conducted in response to specific requests. Current research of this sort includes: end-of-life care (especially, advance care planning, palliative sedation, and ANH); health care reform; genetic research and technology; and assisted human reproduction
- Dr. Read's own research currently is in the area of organizational ethics, more specifically, everyday ethics for faith-based health and social services agencies.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- Staff of the Centre provide ethics consultation on individual cases or situations in hospitals, hospices, long-term care facility, and community-based contexts
- The Centre also reviews existing policies and/or develops ethics policy proposals
- The Centre serves on and/or acts as an educational resource to ethics committees and professional associations
- The Centre maintains a small library and repository of bioethics materials

Education/Training Offered

- University-credit courses are offered through Booth College, University of Manitoba, and University of Winnipeg
- Continuing education workshops and seminars for health care professionals, usually organized/sponsored by another association or agency
- Public education by way of biennial Centre-sponsored conferences, and writing in non-specialist periodicals

Public Outreach

- Prepares ethics literature summaries, bibliographies, and lists of reference materials.
- The Centre publishes ethics articles in the popular and professional press
- Their website is to serve the public by way of offering commentary on issues, a repository of materials, links to other resources, and forums for online discussion. Although they don't advertise it they receive unsolicited email inquiries for information, and perspectives, and they try to respond to them.

Future Direction

- The primary directions with a bearing on health care ethics have to do with their research/writing project in organizational ethics, and a higher priority for activity in the area of public policy analysis/advocacy.

Human Resources

- Dr. James E. Read (Ph.D., Philosophy, UCLA) is the Executive Director of The Salvation Army Ethics Centre, and the Centre's staff person for health care ethics. Dr. Cornelius Buller (Ph.D., Religious Studies, McMaster) and Ms Sharon Jones-Ryan, BA (Ryerson), MBA (in progress; Regis University, Denver) are the other professional staff of the Centre.

Sources of Funding

- 90% of funds come from The Salvation Army's national office general operating funds; 10% from fees for service.

(24) Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre Clinical Ethics Centre (CEC)

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- **Does your centre have a website:** www.sw.ca/departments/Ethics
- **They do not have a brochure**

About the Centre

- **Can you please provide a brief history of your Centre**
 - The Clinical Ethics Centre at Sunnybrook and Women's has a long history. Initially it was developed by Dr. John Senn and then later influenced by Eric Meslin and Philip Hebert. Most recently the clinical ethics program has been redeveloped through an innovations fund. The Hub and Spokes Strategy is the model for service delivery and the program is now directed by Karen Faith. Working with Karen are three ethicists: Dr. Philip Hebert, Dr. Scott Berry and Dr. Andrew Cooper.

Mandate

- **What is your centre's mandate?**
 - The CEC's primary objectives are to enhance ethics skill, knowledge, and decision-making throughout the organization from bedside to boardroom. Ultimately the activities of the CEC are designed to improve patient care.

Research

- **What are your centre's main areas of research?**
 - The understanding, and implementation of ethics related hospital policy as well as the effectiveness in clinical ethics
 - The CEC also works collaboratively with the institution's Research Ethics Board (REB), chaired by Dr. Philip Hebert.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- **Does the work of the Centre include hospital based ethics consultation or consultation to other sectors in health care? Please describe.**
 - Yes, clinical ethics consultation is provided to all staff, family and patients affiliated with the three campuses associated with this organization.
 - The Clinical Ethicist also responds to consultations from peers among the clinical ethics group at the Joint Centre for Bioethics and elsewhere.

Education/Training Offered

- **What educational/training activities does your centre offer?**
 - The CEC provides local education to hospital services that include grand rounds, unit-based rounds, case debriefings and regular brown-bag ethics rounds at all three sites.

Public Outreach

- **Do you hold seminars open to the public, or anything else that might qualify as a public outreach initiative?**
 - All hospital staff has access to weekly public ethics seminars and endowed lectures through the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics (to which Sunnybrook and Women's is partnered).

Future Direction

- **Are there any new projects on the horizon?**
 - A number of important priority setting initiatives are underway.

Human Resources

- **What are your centre's human resources?**

- Karen Faith, Director and full time Clinical Ethicist
- Lisa Bruzillo, Office coordinator
- Belinda Fernandes, Admin Assistant
- Scott Berry, Ethicist
- Philip Hebert, Ethicist
- Andrew Cooper, Ethicist

Sources of Funding

- **What are your centre's sources of funding?**
 - Initial funding for the Centre came from an organizational innovations fund
 - Current funding is funded through Quality and Patient Safety departments
 - Ethicist's positions are funded annually through individual hospitals departments.

(25) University of Calgary, Office of Medical Bioethics

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- There is no brochure for this Centre

About the Centre

- Bioethics was recognized as a discipline in Calgary in the mid 80's with the appointment of an Associate Dean of Bioethics. Activities were mainly in research ethics, clinical consultation on request and education of undergraduates. The title Office of Medical Bioethics with a Director was granted on July 1, 1993. The activities have expanded. They still include supervision of human research, education (but this has expanded and includes not only undergraduates, postgraduates, graduate students in issues such as research integrity, members of the public). Scholarly activities are increasing, with grants from external agencies to support research

Mandate

- The Office of Medical Bioethics is a group of professionals interested and skilled in various aspects of medical bioethics. As a division of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary, the office is staffed with expertise from areas of philosophy, medicine, law, nursing, and psychology.
- Its services include education of the medical undergraduates, graduate students and residents; review and supervision of ethical aspects of human subject research; and clinical ethics consultations.

Research

- Their areas of interest include such categories as:
 1. Clinical Ethics
 2. Ethics of Research
 3. Research in Ethics
 4. Development of clinical ethics consultation service
 5. Perception of public and professionals of health care ethics service
 6. Privacy issues in research and clinical care
 7. Ethical issues in clinical care of vulnerable populations such as children and

- psychiatric patients
- 8. Transplantation issues

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- Members of the Office of Medical Bioethics are available for consultation on request from members of staff and physicians in the Calgary Health Region. Dr. Glenys Godlovitch and Prof. Chris Levy are members of the Foothills Medical Centre Ethics Committee, Dr. Mitchell is a member of the Home Care Ethics Committee

Public Outreach

- The Centre makes itself available for consultation with the media

Future Direction

- The functions of the Office of Medical Bioethics is currently under review, with a view to increasing involvement in clinical ethics, and developing further cooperation with other departments in the University of Calgary involved with bioethics.

Human Resources

- The human resources include:
 1. **Ian Mitchell, MA, MB, FRCPC, Professor of Paediatrics, Director, OMB.** Experience in clinical and research activities, Member of the Panel on Research Ethics, President of the Canadian Bioethics Society. Awarded Gold Star Teaching Award for Ethics Education by Undergraduate Students in the classes of 2005 and 2006.
 2. **Chip Doig, MD, MSc, FRCPC, Associate Professor, Chair Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board, Member, Canadian Council on Donation and Transplantation, Chair, Sub Committee on Transplantation.** Experience in clinical and research ethics. Gold Star Teaching Award for Ethics Education Class of 2004, 2005 and 2006, the MacLeod Achievement Award.
 3. **Glenys Godlovitch, BA (Hons) LLB, PhD, Associate Professor, Community Health Sciences.** Background in Philosophy and Law, a strong interest in research ethics, but also a member of the Clinical Ethics Committee Foothills Medical Centre, and involved in ethics education.
 4. **Juliet Guichon, BA (Yale); B.C.L., MA (Oxon) S.J.D. (Toronto)** Background in Law and Ethics. Senior Research Associate. Strong interest in reproductive issues.
 5. **Stacey Page, PhD, Health Researcher.** Research Associate OMB. Interest in privacy research and ethics related to complementary and alternative medicine. Communications Officer, Canadian Bioethics Society.
- **Adjunct Faculty:**
 1. **Chris Levy, LL.B, LL.M, Professor of Law.** Longstanding interest in clinical ethics and research ethics. Member of Ethics Committee Foothills Medical Centre.
 2. **Kathy Oberle, BScN, MN, PhD, Associate Professor of Nursing.** Strong interest in clinical and research ethics, pioneer Graduate Course in Research Ethics. Formerly a member of Clinical Ethics Committee Alberta Children's Hospital.
 3. **Michael King, PhD, ABPP (CI, CN) Adjunct Associate Professor, Manager, Psychology Clinical Support Services (Adult) Acute Care Centre, Member of Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board. Manager, Psychology, CHR.**
- **Support Staff:**

1. Administrative Assistant – Betty Brown
2. Administrative Secretaries – Margaret Chu, Nancy Verhelst
3. Adverse Event Coordinator – Dr. Alexis Peters
4. Research Ethics Coordinator – Kelly Mrklas

Sources of Funding

- There sources of funding include:
 1. University of Calgary,
 2. Calgary Health Region
 3. External grants

(26) Centre de Recherché en éthique de l'Université de Montréal

- Their website is www.creum.umontreal.ca
- There is no brochure for this centre

About the Centre

- The Centre was created in 2001 at the initiative of the VP research of the Université de Montréal, Alain Caillé. Its mandate is to promote broad-based research in ethics across the disciplines and professional fields. Its membership spans the University Faculties, involving contributions, both material and intangible, from the Faculties of Medicine, Law, Education, Nursing, Urban Planning and Architecture, as well as the faculty of Arts and Science and the Graduate Faculty. Since its creation, the Center has played host to postdoctoral fellows and sabbatical fellows from Canada, France, Belgium, England, Germany, some funded directly by the Centre, others through SSHRC and FQRSC grants. Fellowships have been as short as two months, but have usually spanned an entire academic year. The Centre has also organized a variety of national and international conferences, on themes as diverse as "The Theory and Practice of Democratic Deliberation in Canada", "Bioethics in Québec", "Professional Ethics for Politicians", "The Challenge of Ethical Investment for Modern Universities".
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) this centre ranks their core priorities in terms of importance as follows: Business ethics 5, Health care ethics, with a particular focus on allocation issues 5, The Family, Children and the State 5, The Practice of Decision-Making, both individual and collective 5, Genetics , Democracy and Justice 4, The Ethics of Institutional Design in Liberal Democracies 4, Environmental Ethics 3

Mandate

- To promote broad-based research on ethical issues in a way that breaks down tradition ethics research "silos". Mutual learning can occur when researchers and practitioners from different fields share problems and solutions. The programs the Center administers reflect this conviction.

Research

- The Centre's main areas of research include:
 1. Business ethics
 2. Health care ethics, with a particular focus on allocation issues
 3. The Family, Children and the State
 4. The Practice of Decision-Making, both individual and collective
 5. Genetics , Democracy and Justice
 6. The Ethics of Institutional Design in Liberal Democracies
 7. Environmental Ethics

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The Center was involved in the Romanow process. One of its members is now the Head of the Québec Public Health Ethics Committee. And one of its student members sits on a prison-based ethics committee that attempts to bridge gaps between medical and security personnel within a psychiatric ward.

Education/Training Offered

- The Centre offers a doctoral fellowship and seminar, and a post-doctoral fellowship.
- The Center's main programs are:
 1. A post-doctoral fellowship program
 2. A doctoral fellowship program aimed at bringing together doctoral students at the Université de Montréal working on related questions in different departments and faculties within the context of a year-long interdisciplinary ethics seminar in which they present their work-in-progress to their peers and to Center researchers.
- The Center also attempts to identify partnerships within the University to launch new interdisciplinary ethics seminars. A seminar on allocation issues in health care, drawing on expertise from health administration, law, and philosophy, will be offered next year for the third time. A seminar on genetics, ethics, and justice, drawing on expertise from philosophy, law, and genetics was held last year. And a seminar on environmental ethics, drawing on philosophy, law, urban planning and biology, is in the works.

Public Outreach

- The centre offers a conference and colloquium series, focusing on themes that are transversal to the various disciplines, departments and faculties represented in the Center. We are presently planning an international conference on "Sustainability" for 2005.
- The centre does a lot of outreach toward targeted audiences. For example, they recently held (in partnership with the Canadian Center for Management Development) a series of seminars on ethical challenges for Canadian democratic politics.
- Next year, they will be inaugurating a series of debates at a major Montreal bookstore on issues in public ethics that will likely attract a broader public.

Future Direction

- The conferences coming up include the big one on sustainability mentioned above, a conference on religion and public schooling in the fall, and a conference on allocation issues in health care in the early winter.
- Our post-doctoral fellows for 2004-5 will be working on cyberethics, environmental ethics, the place of protest and civil disobedience within the theory and practice of deliberative democracy, the theory and practice of punishment, and the ethics of income disparity. Our visiting sabbatical fellows will be working on the ethics of child policy and on nursing ethics.

Human Resources

- The Centre's Human Resources include the following members:
 1. Daniel Weinstock (Philosophy), Constitutionalism and Democracy
 2. Wayne Norman (Philosophy), Business Ethics
 3. Christine Tappolet (Philosophy), Normative Ethics
 4. Béatrice Godard (Medicine), Bioethics

5. Mira Johri (Medicine), Resource allocation in health care
6. Charles Blattberg (Political Science), Normative Ethics
7. Luc Tremblay (Law), Legal Ethics

Sources of Funding

- The centre has a direct grant from the University, 2 Canada Research Chairs, an FCI grant, Various SSHRC, FQRSC, CHRI individual and team grants, and one private foundation

(27) University of Toronto, Joint Centre for Bioethics (JCB)

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- They have a brochure

About the Centre

- The JCB was formed in 1995, and is a partnership among the University of Toronto and eight fully-affiliated hospitals. As of October 2005, it is a partnership among the University and 15 health care organizations including fully-affiliated hospitals, community hospitals, community access centres, and a science-based organization.
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) how would you rank the core priorities of the centre in terms of importance (e.g. clinical ethics, research ethics, organizational ethics etc.)? Clinical ethics (5) Education (5) Genomics and Global Health Research (4), Priority Setting Research (5), Public Health Ethics (4)

Mandate

- Their mandate is to provide leadership in bioethics research, education, and clinical activities.
- Their vision is to be a model of interdisciplinary collaboration in order to create new knowledge and improve practices with respect to bioethics.
- Their values include academic and clinical excellence, intellectual freedom, integrity, respect, inclusiveness, and justice.
- The JCB does not advocate positions on specific issues, although its individual members may do so.
- Their goals are:
 1. To foster interdisciplinary research and scholarship, link education to research, and disseminate research findings to improve policies and practices.
 2. To support undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate educational programs in bioethics.
 3. To support clinical ethics activities including continuing education for health care providers, ethics committees, ethics consultation, and projects to address specific issues arising in JCB hospitals.
 4. To foster collegial discussion of bioethics issues throughout the JCB participating institutions and to serve as a resource for the media, policymakers, and community groups.

Research

- Interdisciplinary research is fundamental to the theory-to-practice goal of the JCB. The value of research projects is to address ethical issues encountered in JCB partner health care organizations, and to then disseminate research findings to improve policies and practices.
- As of 31 January 2006, the members of the JCB have published 1027 articles and obtained CAN\$45,383,559 million in research grants

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- The clinical ethics group seeks to develop exemplary models of clinical ethics practice in diverse health care settings such as the Hub and Spoke model which is grounded in the values of accountability, sustainability and integration.
- The job descriptions of bioethicists within the clinical ethics group involve responsibilities in the areas of: case consultation, teaching, organizational/clinical initiatives (including research ethics board activities) and research and community outreach.
- Recent innovations in clinical ethics trialed in partner organizations include:
 - Clinical ethics strategic planning
 - Leadership training for bioethicists
 - Effectiveness studies
 - Web-based applications
- One of the JCB's goals is to support clinical ethics activities, including continuing education for health care providers, ethics committees, ethics consultation and projects, to address specific issues arising in affiliated hospitals.
- The clinical ethics group consists of the largest coordinated group of in-hospital bioethicists in Canada and quite possibly in the world. They are an interdisciplinary group of clinical bioethicists who collaborate across the affiliated hospitals and health organizations in the greater Toronto area. They collaborate together on key research projects, quality review, strategic planning in clinical ethics and shared learning. A key benefit of this collaboration is that it provides the necessary emotional and intellectual support for sustainable clinical bioethics practice.
- The JCB offers 8 1-2 year Fellowships in clinical bioethics as a bridge from academic graduate work in bioethics to applied, engaged employment in bioethics. Including the 2005-06 Fellows, the JCB has trained 19 Clinical Ethics Fellows.

Education/Training Offered

- One of the JCB's goals is to support undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, professional, and continuing bioethics education. The JCB is responsible for coordinating all programs offered through the centre. Courses are available for a wide range of disciplines incorporating all aspects of bioethics. Graduate study in bioethics offers a Master of Health Science in Bioethics and a doctoral stream Collaborative Program in Bioethics. As of June 2005, the JCB had graduated 120 students from its two programmes. In continuing education, the Ian Anderson Program aims to train 10,000 physicians in end-of-life care.
- Clinical ethics fellowships (6 per year) are also offered by the clinical ethics group which is committed to improving health care through integrated clinical ethics services in JCB's participating hospitals.

Public Outreach

- The JCB aims to serve as a public resource to the community, policy makers and the media.

- The JCB provides:
 1. Living Wills, free of charge to the public.
 2. Speakers from the JCB to address community groups or associations.
 3. Bioethics seminars held every Wednesday from September to April from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The topics covered incorporate all aspects of bioethics and all seminars are free and open to the public.
 4. A Newsletter which is a monthly, electronic publication that delivers the latest news and information on upcoming seminars, meetings, conferences and special sessions. Career opportunities are also featured therein.
 5. The JCB has launched an e-presence platform from which seminars are webcasted live and archived. To access the webcasted seminars, please follow these instructions:
 - At the present time (January 2006), ePresence only supports PC and not MAC videostreaming. If you are on a Windows system you can register to view archived and participate in live events by following the steps below.
 - Please note this registration process should be done well before the event itself.
 1. Go to the Centre for Global eHealth Innovation's ePresence website at: <http://epresence.ehealthinnovation.org/epresence>
 2. Click on the register button and ensure that your system meets all requirements.
 3. Once you are set up, click on the Step 3: System Check wizard and run it.
 4. Click on archived events and view an event that is already stored.
 5. If you wish, click on the Register button and register for future events.
 6. Please report by e-mail to lheller@uhnres.utoronto.ca if you have any difficulties registering.
 7. You will only need to register once.

Future Direction

- Topics of interest currently being explored include: Organizational ethics, rehabilitation ethics, home care ethics, and regenerative medicine

Human Resources

- ***There are over 200 members of the Joint Centre for Bioethics but below are the names of the individuals who commit the majority of their time in a research, educational or clinical capacity in Bioethics through the JCB (as of January 2006).***
 1. **Carmen Alfred**, Academic Secretary, *(She is responsible for all the administration associated with the two graduate programs at the JCB and for the administration, including advertising, of all educational events at the JCB, including the weekly Bioethics Seminars, the annual Alloway, Harris, and Jus Lectures, and any special seminars and conferences).*
 2. **Kyle Anstey**, Clinical Ethics Fellow 2005-06
 3. **Solomon Benatar**, Visiting Professor, *(His general interests range from respiratory medicine, academic freedom, medical ethics and the humanities in medicine, to human rights, health care systems, health economics and global health).*
 4. **Kerry Bowman**, Bioethicist at Mount Sinai Hospital/Joint Centre for Bioethics, *(His main areas of research include ethics in health care, mediation, end of life care and cultural diversity).*
 5. **Monica Branigan**, Theme Coordinator for Ethics and Professionalism teaching for undergraduate medical students *(Her interests include the ethics*

- of end of life care, and how to foster the development of professional skills including ethical reasoning and self-awareness in medical students).*
6. **Jonathan Breslin**, Bioethicist, North York General Hospital (*Jonathan has a wide range of research interests but his main focus is in the area of disagreements over treatment decisions (particularly with respect to the appropriate use of life-sustaining interventions) and professionalism and training of clinical ethicists).*
 7. **Laurie Bulchak**, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Abdallah S. Daar and the Canadian Program on Genomics and Global Health
 8. **Joseph Chandrakanthan**, Bioethicist at the Centre for Clinical Ethics of Providence Centre, St. Joseph's Health Centre, and St. Michael's Hospital, (*His interests include Religious Studies).*
 9. **Eoin Connolly**, Bioethicist, St. Joseph's Health Centre (*Eoin's research interests include end of life care, stem cell research and organizational ethics).*
 10. **Rebecca Cook**, Professor of Law, (*Her interests include the international protection of human rights and in health law and ethics).*
 11. **Abdallah S. Daar**, Director of the Program in Applied Ethics and Biotechnology, (*His current research interests are in the exploration of how genomics and other biotechnologies can be used effectively to ameliorate global health inequities).*
 12. **Bernard Dickens**, Associate Director of the University of Toronto MHSc and International Bioethics, (*His research interests are primarily in the field of medical and health law, including Bioethics in Canada).*
 13. **Karen Faith**, Director, Clinical Ethics Centre, Sunnybrook & Women's Health Science Centre, (*Her general interests include research on social work ethics education and the ethical challenges faced in the early phase of professional practice).*
 14. **Halley Faust**, Clinical Ethics Fellow 2005-06
 15. **Sarah E. Frew**, Post Doctoral Fellow, Canadian Program on Genomics and Global Health (*Her research is currently focusing on the role of the domestic private sector in addressing local health needs in developing countries through genomics and health biotechnology).*
 16. **Jennifer L. Gibson**, Research Associate, (*Her interests include philosophical approaches to priority setting in hospitals, and knowledge translation related to developing institutional capacity for priority setting decision-making at Sunnybrook & Women's)*
 17. **Dianne Godkin**, Clinical Ethicist, Centre for Clinical Ethics, (*Her interests include end-of-life decision making in the older adult population).*
 18. **Michael Gordon**, Vice President, Medical Services and Head of Geriatrics and Internal Medicine, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care/Joint Centre for Bioethics, (*His general interests include issues in Geriatric Care).*
 19. **Shane K. Green**, Leader, Social Impact Programs, Ontario Genomics Institute, (*He is responsible for overseeing activities related to GE³LS (genomics-related ethical, environmental, economic, legal and social issues) including developing and implementing public outreach and education initiatives and providing GE³LS support to OGI researchers).*
 20. **Christine Harrison**, Bioethicist and Director of the Bioethics Department at The Hospital for Sick Children, (*Her interests include ethical aspects of health care decision-making for and by children, and end-of-life care for children).*
 21. **Laura Hawryluck**, Physician Leader, Ian Anderson Continuing Education Program in End of Life Care, (*Her general interests include issues in end of life care).*

22. **Philip Hébert**, Bioethicist at Sunnybrook & Women's College Health Sciences Centre, (*His general areas of interest include disclosure, end-of-life care, consent, medical error, and medical education*).
23. **Blair Henry**, Clinical Ethics Fellow 2005-06
24. **James Hynds**, Senior Clinical Ethics Fellow 2005-06 (*His research interests include issues in end-of-life ethics, theological ethics and the interface of bioethics and the law*).
25. **Brenda F. Knowles**, Business Manager, (*Her interests include Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems*).
26. **Jim Lavery**, Research Scientist, Centre for Global Health Research and Centre for Inner City Health Research, St. Michael's Hospital (*Jim's current research interests are in ethics and health research systems in developing countries, the U.S. Common Rule regulation on equivalent protections in international research, and ethical issues in research with marginalized populations*).
27. **Alex Levin**, Co-ordinator of Postgraduate Bioethics Education, Faculty of Medicine, (*His general interests include issues in ethics and ophthalmology*).
28. **Sue MacRae**, Deputy Director of the Joint Centre for Bioethics, (*Her general interest looks at the interface between narrative, moral distress, health care experience and deeper human values*)
29. **Suzanne Manning**, Clinical Ethics Fellow 2005-06 (*Her main areas of interest are ethical issues in pediatric medicine and institutional ethics and policy*).
30. **Hazel Markwell**, Bioethicist and Director of the Centre for Clinical Ethics of Providence Centre, St. Joseph's Health Centre, and St. Michael's Hospital, (*Her general interests include End of Life Care, Conflict Resolution and Organizational Ethics*).
31. **Douglas K. Martin**, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, (*His general area of interest is in priority setting in health care*).
32. **Rhonda Martin**, Executive Assistant to the Director and Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Director, (*She is responsible for the administrative duties for both the Director and Deputy Director*).
33. **Martin McKneally**, Professor Emeritus of Surgery (*His research focus is on ethical issues in surgery, with a primary focus on informed decision making and innovative treatment*).
34. **Doreen Ouellet**, Co-Leader, MHS in Bioethics Program, and Clinical Bioethicist, Toronto East General Hospital (*Her areas of interest include organizational ethics, managerial decision-making as it impacts patient care, and resource allocation*).
35. **Deborah Pape**, Clinical Ethics Fellow 2005-06 (*Her research has been in the area of pain management, domestic violence and ethics*).
36. **Bob Parke**, Bioethicist, Humber River Regional Hospital
37. **Elizabeth Peter**, Co-ordinator of Bioethics Education, Faculty of Nursing, (*Her research focuses upon trust in nursing relationships particularly as it pertains to the development of theory and methods in nursing ethics*).
38. **Sharon Reynolds**, Senior Clinical Ethics Fellow 2005-06 (*Her main areas of interest are end-of-life care and the accompanying moral distress effecting health care providers*).
39. **Barbara Secker**, Director, Collaborative Program in Bioethics, and Director, Clinical Ethics Group, Joint Centre for Bioethics, and Bioethicist at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute/Joint Centre for Bioethics, (*Her area of interest is mental competence (patient decision-making capacity) in health and research contexts. Her other clinical/organizational/research interests include: patient*

autonomy, advance care planning, resource allocation, feminist bioethics, mental health ethics, rehab ethics, disability ethics, and organizational ethics).

40. **Peter A. Singer**, Director of the Joint Centre for Bioethics and Director of the MHS in Bioethics, (*His areas of interest include end of life care, fair priority setting in health care organizations, and his current research focus is global health*).
41. **Jerome Singh**, Adjunct Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences
42. **Julie Skelding**, Clinical Ethics Fellow 2005-06 (*Julie's interests also include mental health, public health and organizational ethics*).
43. **Halla Thorsteinsdóttir**, Senior Research Associate, (*Her areas of interest include examining genomics and health biotechnologies in developing countries and comparing the factors which encourage innovation and the development of health biotechnologies in developing nations*).
44. **Ross Upshur**, Associate Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, (*His research interests include the concept of evidence in health care, medical epistemology, clinical reasoning, public health ethics, empirical approaches in bioethics, primary care research, time series applications and environmental epidemiology*).
45. **Adrian Viens**, Clinical Ethics Fellow 2005-06 (*His research interests are legal philosophy, moral philosophy, and applied ethics (especially bioethics)*).
46. **Frank Wagner**, Bioethicist, Toronto Community Care Access Centre
47. **Shawn Winsor**, Bioethicist at Trillium Health Centre, (*His interests include community health ethics and, in particular, ethical issues in research, organizational practice, reproductive medicine, and the use of mediation to resolve disputes around ethical issues*).
48. **Linda Wright**, Bioethicist at University Health Network/Joint Centre for Bioethics, (*Her general areas of interest include the ethics of transplantation from living donors, heart transplantation and end of life care*).
49. **Randi Zlotnik Shaul**, Bioethicist at The Hospital for Sick Children, (*Her interests include accountability in research ethics and innovation and public health*).

Sources of Funding

- The JCB's annual operating funding is divided into four sources: government (48%), academic institutions (46%), private sector (5%), and individuals and foundations (1%). (last updated in June 2004)

(28) University of Victoria

Ethics, Health and Society Research Group under the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society

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- There is no website for this Centre.
- There is no brochure for this Centre.

About the Centre

- The idea of developing an Ethics Centre was promoted by the Nursing Ethics Research Team in the School of Nursing, who wished to extend an invitation to others to join their pursuit of ethics in practice. In summer 2002 they met with the Chair of Philosophy and the Director of the Center for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS) to plan for ways to involve other faculty members interested in

ethics at the University of Victoria. The first open meeting was held in September 2002, and as the group enlarged, meetings have been held 3-4 times per year since then. Initially, the hope was to establish a Centre but after further exploration, it was clear that according to UVIC policy they were required to begin as a research group, and show some cohesiveness as a unit prior to applying to become a Centre. Thus, by the end of the first year, they had joined with the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society. In August 2004 they will become physically housed at the CSRS.

- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) this centre ranks its core priorities in terms of importance as follows: Their focus is on research (5) with primary attention to ethics in practice (5), which can include clinical (5) and organizational dimensions (5) as those impact upon practice, their secondary focus is on ethics education (4).

Mandate

- The Centre's mandate is to:
 1. Pursue collaborative research on ethics in practice, including the political, historical and social context of professional ethical practice; and the meaning of social justice
 2. Facilitate more informed and reasoned systematic exploration and deliberation on ethical issues and the well-being of people.

Research

- This Centre's main areas of research include Ethics in practice that continues to be nursing based and has attracted funding from AMS, SSHRC, and CHSRF.
- They had spent some time applying to the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research for an infrastructure grant, but were not successful on their letter of intent. However, that helped crystallize their thinking and they intend to apply again in 2005.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- Some members of the Centre are involved in ethics consultation but that is not part of their research group activity.

Education/Training Offered

- They have 3-4 graduate students working on the nursing ethics in practice projects that spawned the Research Group. They are hoping that further successful grant applications will allow them to include more students.

Public Outreach

- The Centre does not yet hold seminars open to the public.

Future Direction

- Having a designated physical location that allows us to interact with CSRS scholars will be of real benefit to our work. They anticipate that will lead to further grant applications, including another try for infrastructure funding. This past spring they held a retreat to allow people to meet and get to know each others interests well enough to begin to develop some potential research teams.

Human Resources

- All volunteer faculty and graduate students at this point. They can contract some time for a secretary and an RA, and will be doing so this summer and into the Fall-Winter.

Sources of Funding

- The office of the Vice President Research provided them with some funding to assist in planning meetings, circulating material, etc. Recently additional funds were added to that amount from an expired grant focused on a similar endeavor.

(29) Vancouver Island Health Authority Regional Ethics Committee 430-1900 Richmond Avenue Victoria, British Columbia V8R 4R2

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- There is no website for this centre
- There is no brochure for this centre

About the Centre

- Although VIHA does not have an ethics centre, there is a group of long-standing staff who have been involved in ethics work in the region for several years and who are the core members of the Regional Ethics Committee. They have close connections with ethics departments at the "local" universities who assist them as required. Effective January, 2005, VIHA will become an academic health centre. At that time, they are hoping to expand their ethics resources. They appreciate being involved in the group of ethics centres because, although they currently have no formal structure, they believe that much of what they do is similar to, or the same as, the work done by other centres.
- Their two main priorities are clinical ethics and organizational ethics. Research ethics is taken care of in a different way (falling under the Research portfolio).
- They have no formal affiliation with a university, however, they have strong links with the University of Victoria. They also have links with UBC, Royal Roads, and Simon Fraser. To an even lesser extent, they have some links with U of A.

Mandate

- The Vancouver Island Health Authority Regional Ethics Committee provides ethics-services to the Vancouver Island Health Authority whose mandate is to establish and maintain greater sustainability for their health care system.

Research

- The VIHA regional ethics committee does not have general research areas although some research in ethics is being conducted within VIHA by the faculty of U Vic.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- Although they do not provide a comprehensive consultation service, they do respond to requests for assistance. When asked, they will facilitate a discussion with teams (that include patients and families) and ensure that a thorough ethics review process is followed. They do not recommend a course of action.

Education/Training Offered

- They provide a variety of ethics education sessions for VIHA staff on an on-going basis. Topics are based on need and interest.

Public Outreach

- When they invite experts to their community they try, whenever possible, to hold at least one public session. They also have a community member on the

Regional Committee.

Future Direction

- They hope to raise the profile of ethics in VIHA and formalize ethics in the departmental structure. They believe that the switch to an academic health centre (which coincides with the opening of the medical school) will provide impetus to this endeavor.

Human Resources

- There is a great deal of research done within the VIHA. Some research relates directly to ethics work, and is conducted by faculty from the University of Victoria.

Sources of Funding

- They receive an annual stipend from VIHA to facilitate our educational endeavors.

(30) William Osler Health Centre

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- Just the general William Osler Health Centre website. In the future they are planning on having a small information section listed on the general website.
- The centre does not yet have a brochure.

About the Centre

- Their Clinical Ethics Program was established in Fall 2002 with a focus on delivering clinical ethics services to a community hospital.
- They currently have 4 ethics committees.
- The Centre builds ethics capacity throughout the organization from “boardroom to bedside”.
- They have a Clinical Ethics Internship Program and a Clinical Ethics Residency Program.
- The Centre has the first internship program in Canada of its kind.
- The Centre is supported by Associated Medical Services Bioethics Internship Grant (2 years).
- The Centre is a model for other community hospital Clinical Ethics Internship Program.

- The Centre has established specific goals and deliverable using a 5 year strategic plan.
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) the centre ranks its core priorities in terms of importance as follows: Clinical Ethics – 5 Research Ethics – 4 Organizational Ethics – 3

Mandate

- Emphasize Patient centered care as key priority
- Promote a thriving moral community within organizations
- Establish leadership roles for clinical ethics in community hospitals
- Support excellent patient care
- Support staff
- Develop sustainable, integrated and accountable Ethics Program
 1. Build capacity throughout the organization from the “boardroom to bedside”
 2. Embed ethical consideration into all aspects of decision-making
 3. Develop Ethics Program in alignment with organization’s commitment, strengths and approach

Research

- Their main area of research involves following the development of clinical ethics services that are sustainable, accountable and integrated.

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- They provide clinical consultation located within a community hospital.

Education/Training Offered

- Curriculum for ethics committees, staff, and physicians (boardroom to bedside) Clinical Ethics Internship, Clinical Ethics Residency Program.

Public Outreach

- Some Public Outreach initiatives are in development.

Future Direction

- To become leaders in establishing new clinical ethics program at community hospitals.

Human Resources

- Ethicist, Intern, Resident and Administrative Assistant and 4 Ethics Committees
- **Their human resources include:**
 1. **Maya Goldenberg.** Her research interests include women's health, the experience of illness, and constructions of the body in medical thought and practice. Her doctoral work is on the question of evidence in alternative medicine.
 2. **Dr. Paula Chidwick.** Her research interests include the emerging role of clinical ethics at community hospitals, clinical ethics consultation in patient care, education requirements for entry into ethics consultant role, professional roles of ethicists in clinical ethics consultation and ethics effectiveness.

Sources of Funding

- The only funding we have is for the Internship Program which is obtained through the Associated Medical Services Bioethics Internship Grant (2 years).

(31) York University Centre for Practical Ethics

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- Their website is, <http://www.yorku.ca/ycpe/>
- They have a brochure

About the Centre

- The Centre for Practical Ethics was established in 1994 to further research in the field of practical ethics and to support the teaching of practical ethics at York University.
- On a scale from 1 to 5 (five being the highest one being the lowest) the centre ranks its core priorities in terms of importance as follows: 5. Research on public sector ethics 4. Organizational ethics 3. Research on the relationship between ethical theory and practice 2. International and developmental ethics 1. Ethics of health care

Mandate

- The Centre for Practical Ethics organizes workshops and conferences on practical ethics, and develops professional programs to service government departments and community organizations. The Centre also produces an internal newsletter to keep the research community in practical ethics at York University informed of its activities and the developments in the field. It also lends its support in grant applications.

Research

- Their major areas of research interest include:
 1. Ethical Theory and Practical Ethics
 2. Political Ethics
 3. Legal Ethics
 4. Ethics of Public Policy
 5. Environmental Ethics
 6. Business Ethics
 7. Ethics of Scientific Research
 8. International and Developmental Ethics
 9. The Teaching of Practical Ethics
 10. Ethics in the Academy
 11. Feminist Ethics
 12. Organizational Ethics

Clinical Activity/Consultation

- Clinical Activity and consultation is an area in which they are just beginning to engage, and are responding or have responded to expressions of interest from various health care providers.

Education/Training Offered

- Practical Ethics is an exciting new area of multidisciplinary study and research. The area of practical ethics provides the opportunity to apply ethical concepts and principles to contemporary social issues. The Centre for Practical Ethics provides a Coordinator for the Practical Ethics General Certificate. This program of study enables students to address questions of applied ethics and public policy in the fields of anthropology, economics, humanities, philosophy, political science, social science, and sociology.

Public Outreach

- Ethics Consulting Services is a Division of the York University Centre for Practical Ethics, which specializes in ethics audits, ethics consulting, ethics workshops and training ethics practitioners for business, government agencies, organizations and the professions. Their experts use their know-how in a variety of areas – public policy, public administration, business, environmental studies, law, philosophy, politics and science – to conduct ethics audits, help organizations to develop ethics codes of conduct to deal with current issues and teach their staff how to ask the kinds of questions that will enable them to continue the process themselves.
- Teams of experts go into organizations and lead workshops about how to deal with particular ethics issues and concerns, how to apply ethics guidelines, or how to deal with any ethics issue their managers and/or employees may face. The Center has recently presented several successful workshops to Government departments and is currently working on a major project to develop a model for case conferencing at Citizenship and Immigration Canada.
- Teams of experts train a staff member or members on how to identify newly evolving ethics issues, how to update their organization's code of ethics, and how to handle ethics issues as they are raised.

Future Direction

- The Centre is planning an important project on the ethics of international intervention with colleagues in Australia.

Human Resources

- The faculty of the York Centre for Practical Ethics includes:
 1. **Dr. Wesley Cragg**, Gardiner Professor of Business Ethics, Schulich School of Business (*His general areas of interest include business ethics, occupational ethics, moral education, applied ethics, moral, political and social philosophy, and philosophy of law*).
 2. **Dr. Susan Dimock**, Department of Philosophy (Her general interests include philosophy of law, applied ethics and reflective moral reasoning, and organizational ethics.)
 3. **Dr. Ian Greene**, Department of Political Science; Master, McLaughlin College (His general interests include ethics and politics, Charter jurisprudence, human rights, and public sector ethics.)
 4. **Dr. Shirley Katz**, Division of Humanities; Acting Director, YCPE (2004-2005) (Her general interests include legal theory and the relationship between law and morality, human rights, ethics and politics, organizational ethics, and ethics and the academy.)
 5. **Dr. David Shugarman**, Department of Political Science; Director, YCPE, (on sabbatical leave 2004-2005) (His general areas of interest include public sector ethics, the ethics of international intervention, human rights and international ethics, and democratic theory)
 6. **Dr. H. Tom Wilson**, Program in Social and Political Thought; Osgoode Hall Law School, (*His general areas of interest include the university and higher education, ethics and politics, critique of political economy, ethical issues in policies relating to sex and gender, citizenship, the crisis of democratic representation in postmodern polities, and the ethics of "progress" in cultural analysis*).

Sources of Funding

- Research is largely funded by individual research grants. Some support funding is provided by York University and McLaughlin College.
- Other agencies that fund work in this area are:
 1. Social Science Humanities Research Council
 2. Medical Research Council
 3. Canadian Genome Program
 4. US Human Genome Project