



Clinical Ethics
Bridging Clinical Medicine and Ethics

Call for Abstracts

The Ninth International Conference on Clinical Ethics Consultation (ICCEC) 2013 will take place in Munich, Germany. It is dedicated to the motto “**Clinical ethics: bridging clinical medicine and ethics**”. The aim is to bring together ethicists, ethics consultants, and clinicians to reflect on their related practices, needs, concepts, and research results.

We encourage all colleagues who are interested in these discussions to submit their abstracts to the conference. The Scientific Committee will review them for oral or poster presentations.

The Scientific and Advisory Committees have identified the following four topic areas of interest:

- A) What are relevant or neglected areas and topics of clinical ethics consultation?
 - End-of-life decision making, medical futility, do-not-resuscitate orders
 - Intercultural problems
 - Priority setting and rationing in the clinical setting
 - Clinical research involving patients
 - Ethics consultation in clinical fields with vulnerable patients, e.g. geriatrics or psychiatry

- B) What are the ideas that underlie clinical ethics consultation?
 - Ethical and philosophical justifications, anthropological basics
 - Organizational ethics and the role of institutional management
 - Difference between ethics consultation and palliative care services
 - The role of the patient and the patient’s family in ethics consultation

- C) How does clinical ethics consultation work and how should it be carried out?
 - Decision making process
 - Methods of individual case consultation
 - Ethics guidelines and policies
 - Requirements, barriers and strategies in implementing ethics structures
 - Transparency and the question of patient consent

- D) How can the quality of clinical ethics consultations be ensured?
 - Moral competence, professional competence of consultants
 - International quality standards – within and across cultures
 - Evaluation of ethics consultation
 - Credentialing of professionals and institutions doing ethics consultation

- Abstract Deadline: **September 15, 2012**
- **For more information see: [www. ICCEC 2013.de](http://www.ICCEC2013.de)**