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Abstract Submission Form – Major Papers

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Proposed title of paper: The Certified Clinical Ethics Consultant

Abstract with 3 clearly stated objectives in 250 words:

Clinical ethics consultants have become a presence in American medical centers. Despite the importance of the work, it is not currently possible for hospitals to evaluate candidates for openings in the same way they assess doctors' qualifications in their "credentialing" procedures. This paper analyzes how the certification of clinical ethics consultants and the accreditation of CEC degree programs – key steps toward professionalization – might emerge for practitioners within this field.

Participants will be able to:

_____ Explain three steps that an occupational category takes in becoming a professionon

_____ Distinguish certification, accreditation, licensure and credentialing.

_____ Describe three salient responsibilities of clinical ethics consultants and, for each, the knowledge and skills required.

What significant contribution to the field of clinical ethics consultation does this presentation make?
(250 words)

There are presently no authoritative standards for assessing the qualifications of those hospital specialists who can provide responsible on-the-floor ethics consultations on active, ethically vexatious cases. Many have felt that the field needs to move toward the accreditation of graduate-level programs that can certify practitioners as competent to do this work, thereby easing the credentialing process for job applicants.

The paper sets out a series of inquiries that illuminate a path the field of clinical ethics consultation might take toward a higher degree of professionalization.

If you have or will publish on this topic, please cite reference:

The paper has just appeared in the October 2009 issue of HEC Forum. The Portland presentation will draw upon that work.

Are you planning to or will you be willing to submit a poster along with your major paper?

Yes No