

## **Abstract Submission Form - Workshops**

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Proposed Workshop Title: Clinical Ethics Consultation: Learning the Process and the Process of Learning

Workshop abstract with three clearly state objectives (up to 250 words):

In spring 2009, the Nova Scotia Health Ethics Network (NSHEN) offered two day workshops in clinical ethics consultation (CEC). Our experience in delivering this training forms the basis for this workshop.

Many of the participants came from organizations with relatively few dedicated ethics resources and limited experience with CEC, so capacity-building was particularly important. The NSHEN workshops were intended to deepen participants' understanding of health ethics issues while introducing core CEC

skills, providing opportunities for sharing of best practices, and establishing relationships for peer support and ongoing mentoring. Follow-up sessions for participants will also be provided.

The NSHEN workshops used a variety of learning activities with an explicit and purposeful focus on hands-on learning. In the workshop, we will describe and demonstrate these activities, including role-plays, brainstorming, readers theatre, and case-based exercises, designed to encourage reflection on different aspects of the CEC process. We will illustrate how these activities complemented didactic learning and discuss why participants found this approach to be both provocative and practical, providing them with an understanding of the art and the science of CEC via "real life" examples. Finally, we will invite conference participants to share innovative learning activities that they have used in CEC training and discuss strategies for training and learning that maximize capacity building for consultation.

- 1. Present innovative methods of teaching CEC skills
- 2. Discuss strategies for maximizing capacity building in CEC training
- 3. Provide opportunity for discussion and sharing of best practices in training for CEC.

Are you pl	lanning to or will you be willing to submit a poster along with your workshop?
Yes	⊠No