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Proposed title of paper: Ethical expertise and the practice of clinical ethics

Abstract with 3 clearly stated objectives in 250 words:

Ethical expertise is an often-discussed topic among ethicists and beyond. Mostly, these discussions are of a controversial nature. In this presentation I want to explore the relevance of the debate about ethical expertise for the practice of clinical ethics. First I will analyze the debate; I will include discussing general moral competence as differentiated from ethical expertise. Furthermore, I will present definitions and arguments that have been brought up to either support, or call into question, the idea of ethical expertise. The aim of the presentation is to discuss four theses: the debate about ethical expertise is relevant for the practice of clinical ethics in that it (1) improves and specifies clinical ethicists' perception of their specific contribution to deliberations about moral problems; (2) contributes to improving the perception of (general) moral competence of non-ethicists; (3) gives insight into different (complementary?) styles of argumentation of ethicists and non-ethicists; and (4) contributes to the awareness of the problem of profession building within clinical ethics.

Objectives:

1. To analyze the debate about ethical expertise

2 To discuss ethical expertise and (general) moral competence

3 To explore the relevance of the debate about ethical expertise for the practice of clinical ethics

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