American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS OF LAW, MEDICINE & NURSING

# **ETHICS COMMITTEES AND THE YOUNG:** FAMILIES, HOSPITALS, AND THE COURTS TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING

THE ADAM'S MARK HOTEL ST. LOUIS, MO MAY 19–21, 1994

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This conference is one in a successful series of meetings on ethics committees sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics. Ethics Committees and the Young will focus on ethical decision-making concerning the wellbeing of children.

The conference promises to offer insights into pediatric ethics committees and give participants the opportunity to discuss and analyze the following topics.

- What is the authoritative role of families, the medical community, and the courts in making medical decisions for children?
- Defining the line between comfort and killing in terms of controlling pain in children.
- How religious values and cultural differences affect the decision-making process.
- How to prioritize the allocation of limited resources for sick children.
- What constitutes medical futility in pediatrics?
- What are the future dilemmas in pediatric ethics?
- And more...

These topics and many others will be discussed at length at this important event. The conference features plenary sessions, workshops, small group discussions, and a special "Night at the Movies."

Continuing Education Credit: CLE, CME (AMA Category I - 18 Credit Hrs), Nursing (17.9 ANA Contact Hrs)

Also upcoming in the Ethics Committees Conference Series is Ethics Committees and the Elderly: Hospitals and Nursing Homes, which will be held November 4-5, 1994 in New York City. For more information, please contact: ASLME, 765 Commonwealth Avenue, 16th Floor, Boston, MA 02215, Tel: (617) 262-4990, Fax: (617) 437-7596.

# American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics

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In conjunction with several publishing houses, the Society has published a number of books. Each text includes edited, supplemented, and footnoted versions of papers presented to the conference the book was based upon, as well as seminal articles on the topic.

Implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (scheduled for July 1993) AIDS and the Health Care System Surrogate Motherhood: Politics and Privacy Health Care Labor Law Human Organ Transplantation Legal and Ethical Aspects of Health Care for the Elderly Refusing Treatment in Mental Health Institutions Legal and Ethical Aspects of Treating Critically and Terminally III Patients

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Date: April 18–19, 1994

Location: Santa Clara, CA

Chairs: John H. Barton, JD, Lawrence O. Gostin, JD,

J. Casey McGlynn, JD, Michael D. Witt, PharmD, JD

#### Ethics Committees and the Young: Families, Hospitals, and the Courts Trying To Do The Right Thing

Date: May 19–21, 1994 Location: St. Louis, MO Chairs: Ronald Cranford, MD, Jacqueline Glover, PhD, Sandra Johnson, JD, LLM, Christine Mitchell, RN, MS, MTS Continuing Education Credit: AMA Category I – 18 Credit Hours, 17.9 ANA Contact Hours

#### 15th Annual Health Law Teachers Conference

Date: June 3–4, 1994 Location: Indianapolis, IN Chair: Eleanor Kinney, JD, Indiana University School of Law

# Ethics Committees and the Elderly: Hospitals and Nursing Homes

(Offered in two locations)

Date: November 11–12, 1994, Location: New York, NY

Date: December 9-10, 1994, Location: Los Angeles, CA

Chairs: Philip Boyle, PhD, Alexander M. Capron, LLM, FCLM,

Nancy Neveloff Dubler, LLB, Sandra Johnson, JD, Christine Mitchell, RN, MS, MTS Continuing Education Credit: CME, Nursing Home Administrator and Nursing Credit Pending

Amsterdam '95: The Fourth International Conference on Health Law and Ethics in a Global Community

Date: July 16-20, 1995

Location: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Chairs: Prof. Henriette Roscam Abbing, Prof. Sjef Gevers,

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