

PHEN Communiqué: February 2009

Dear PHEN Member,

PHEN sends this PHEN Communiqué to members on a monthly basis, providing announcements and information on health ethics resources and events. If you do not wish to receive this monthly email bulletin, please reply to this email and write "unsubscribe" in the subject heading.

PHEN Resources and Events

Health Ethics Week 2009 Events

To view a listing of Health Ethics Week events happening around the province, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/ethicsweek/events2009.asp>. Organizations that are hosting Health Ethics Week events may still submit the details of their events to webber@phen.ab.ca for posting on the PHEN website. For more info on Health Ethics Week and the theme *Nurturing Respect and Caring in Times of Transition*, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/ethicsweek/> or contact PHEN.

Building Trust at End-of-Life

Registration is now open for the upcoming conference *Building Trust at End-of-Life*, presented by Covenant Health and supported by PHEN, on May 28, 2009 in Edmonton, . The conference will seek to illuminate varied perspectives of a good life or a good death – where beliefs diverge and where they are shared – in order to provide the opportunity to build an ever-stronger foundation of trust between and among health care providers, patients and families at the end of life. For registration details, please visit https://secure.buksa.com/ei/getdemo.ei?id=70&ts=_4LC0MSFM8 For more info about the event, please visit http://www.phen.ab.ca/CovenantHealth_End_of_Life_program.pdf

Free "For Goodness Sake" DVD for Current PHEN Members

PHEN is offering all current PHEN members a free copy of the highly acclaimed DVD *For Goodness Sake*. In order to receive this free resource, please ensure your membership is renewed by March 15, 2009. Please be reminded that there is no longer a fee for PHEN membership. For more info on the benefits of being a PHEN member and to renew your membership for 2009, visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/membership/> or contact PHEN.

Ethics in Healthcare: Building Competence For Health Professionals

PHEN is pleased to announce that this acclaimed 12-DVD set is now available at a special price of \$1,250 for ethics committees and teams seeking cost-effective means of providing high-quality group training in bioethics for their members. Purchasing committees may view

the DVDs in a group setting with committee members, or distribute the DVDs amongst members for individual viewing. This tool provides an intense introduction to important issues in the field from some of its most renowned experts, and is recommended for anyone interested in furthering their understanding of compelling moral questions in health and health care. For more details, please visit <http://phen.ab.ca/publications/>.

Survey of Clinical Ethics Committees

As part of a visioning initiative designed to solicit input on what clinical and organizational ethics services could look like in a restructured, post-RHA-amalgamation health system, PHEN is currently facilitating a survey of clinical ethics committees/teams/interest groups in the province. If you are a member of a clinical ethics committee/team/interest group and have not yet received the survey, please email Carmen at webber@phen.ab.ca for details.

Other Resources and Events

Royal Alexandra Hospital Residency in Clinical Ethics The Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton is seeking applicants for its residency in clinical ethics, intended for those with significant academic training in health ethics who wish to expand their clinical experience. The resident will observe and join teams throughout the hospital, work closely with physicians, patients and families, conduct ethics consultations, provide ethics education to clinicians, and assist the ethics committee. For more info, please visit http://www.capitalhealth.ca/Careers/Training/Educational_Opportunities_for_Health_Professionals.htm

Ethics Education: Minding the Gaps

Edmonton: April 30, 2009, 8:45 am - 4:30 pm

The University of Alberta's John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre invites you to attend this one-day Health Ethics Symposium exploring the theme *Ethics Education: Minding the Gaps*. For more info and to register, please visit www.ualberta.ca/bioethics

2009 Internships: VHA National Center for Ethics in Health Care

The National Center for Ethics in Health Care, a division of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), invites applicants to participate in the 2009 Ethics in Health Care Internship Program. Interns will work in close collaboration with the Ethics Center's multidisciplinary team of professionals in one of three areas: Ethics Policy (Washington location), IntegratedEthics and Ethics Consultation (New York location), IntegratedEthics and Ethics Evaluation (Seattle location). For more info, please visit http://www.ethics.va.gov/ETHICS/Job_opportunities.asp

New MA Programme: Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Health

The Centre for Philosophy, Justice and Health at University College London, England is launching a new MA programme in the Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Health. It will be taught by a number of departments, including Philosophy, Political Science, Medicine, Epidemiology, Science and Technology Studies and the Institute of Global Health. For more info, please visit <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/cpjh/MAprogramme>

Health Ethics in the News

PHEN posts links to current news articles related to health ethics at <http://www.phen.ab.ca> - a few of the most recent articles are outlined below. Some of these sites require registration with the external website, but registration is free and only needs to be completed once.

The hidden curriculum of medical school

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/30/health/29chen.html?_r=1&ref=health

Cosmetic procedures for children pose ethical dilemmas

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/136762.php>

Ethicists debate doctors who keep it personal

http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-02-02-doctors_N.htm

Italian woman in euthanasia case will be allowed to die

<http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2009/02/03/italy-euthanasia.html>

The ethics of octuplets

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1877396-1,00.html>

Fertility technology running ahead of ethics: Experts

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/Health/Fertility+technology+running+ahead+ethics+Experts/1258015/story.html>

Calgary birth raises ethical issues

<http://www2.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/story.html?id=a2464a3a-c8fa-47a7-bdd8-6c83f8dbf8e7>

Lesbian couple says doctor refused them as

patients http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20090127/lesbian_couple_090127/20090127?hub=Health

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