

KANSAS CITY REGIONAL HOSPITAL ETHICS COMMITTEE CONSORTIUM

ETHICS COMMITTEE BROCHURE OUTLINE

OVERVIEW

An information brochure for the ethics committee should be designed to inform patients and families about the role of the ethics committee but should also be useful to hospital staff, who may use it as a guide for identifying ethics issues and requesting a consult from the committee.

OUTLINE

- About the Hospital Ethics Committee
 - Purpose
 - Structure
 - Membership composition
- What is an ethics consult?
 - When to request an ethics consult
 - Typical ethics issue areas
 - When a patient cannot make their own treatment decisions?
 - When there are questions about discontinuing treatment?
 - When there are questions about organ donation?
 - How a consult works
 - Meetings
 - What do meetings with the ethics committee involve?
 - Who will be involved in the consult and meetings?
 - Outcomes
 - What do the expected outcomes of an ethics committee consult?
 - What are expected next steps, following the consult and meetings?
- How to request an ethics consult
 - Patient / Family instructions
 - Contact information
 - Hospital staff instructions
 - EMR instructions