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The American Nurses Association Center for Ethics and Human Rights (CEHR) supports the work of the American Nurses Association and consists of a volunteer board of 12 ANA members from across the United States. The CEHR develops and disseminates public policy to assure that ethics and human rights are addressed in nursing practice and health care. The CEHR has made tremendous strides in 2018, including a new column in the Online Journal of Issues in Nursing, advancement of efforts to incorporate ethics into nursing curriculum, widening the digital footprint of nursing ethics around the world, and a host of publications and presentations. This annual report of the ANA Center for Ethics and Human Rights provides a glimpse of the global impact of our work to patients and the health care profession.

MISSION AND PURPOSE

- Promulgate in collaboration with ANA constituents, a body of knowledge, both theoretical and practical, designed to address issues in ethics and human rights at the state, national and international level;
- Develop and disseminate information about and advocate for public policy to assure that ethics and human rights are addressed in health care; and
- Assure that short and long-range objectives regarding ethics and human rights will be addressed within the Association, and expressed to appropriate bodies external to the Association.
SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Many of our members, as well as the public use social media platforms to share information and express ideas. The CEHR communicates through several ANA social media platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter. The CEHR has a unique Twitter account @ANAEthics designed to keep nurses and consumers abreast of current ethics and human rights issues in health care. In 2018, @ANAEthics had over 850 tweets, 372,000 impressions, with an average of 1,020 impressions per day.

#KnowtheCode The Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements is one of the most visited sites on NursingWorld.org with over 290,000 views of the open-access document in 2018.

The CEHR hosted a Facebook Live debate on the Right to Die with over 6,000 views. This interactive debate fostered a hearty discussion about a nurse’s participation in physician-assisted suicide or aid in dying. Two Twitter chats occurred in 2018. #NursesWithTattoos discussed the ethics and stigma surrounding nurses with tattoos and FASDchat highlighted substance use disorder in pregnant women in collaboration with the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.
ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS

The Center for Ethics and Human Rights fulfills its mission of development and dissemination of public policy through webinars, blogs, presentations and publications. In 2018, the Ethics Advisory Board began publishing position statements on the Online Journal of Issue in Nursing (OJIN) in the Position Statements column. This column features new position statements on the nurse’s role in addressing discrimination, the ethical responsibility to manage pain, and nursing advocacy for LGBTQ+ populations. See the CEHR publications and presentations below.


Stokes, F. & Smith, S. Fostering a Culture of Ethical Practice. American Nurses Credentialing Center Magnet Conference, October 2018.


Wilson, C., Stokes, F., Steinberg, K., & Pope, T. Ethics Committees Are Not Just for Hospitals: Advancing Person-Centered Care in Long-Term Care Facilities. American Society of Bioethics and Humanities annual conference, October 2018.


Stokes, F. Advancing Ethics Education in Nursing Curriculum. International Conference on Nursing Science and Practice, August 2018.

Turner, M. Knowledge and Application of the Code of Ethics. University of University of Minnesota School of Nursing, September 2018.


PRESENTATIONS


Weber, E. Ethical Care of People with Mental Illness and Co-Occurring Disorders. University of Minnesota Medical Center Fairview, June 2018.

Turner, M. Doctor of Nursing Practice and Ethics. University of North Carolina-Wilmington School of Nursing, August 2018.


Turner, M. Moral Courage: Knowing and doing the right thing. Infusion Nurse Society National Academy, November 2018.


Fitzgerald, H., Trotochaud, K., & Knackstedt, A. Nursing Ethics in Action: Ethics Champion Programs. Society for Pediatric Nurses Conference, April 2018.

Godfrey, N. Professional Identity in Nursing: Science, Strategies and Call to Action Think Tank. September 2018


Below, Drs. Eileen Weber, Cathy Robichaux, Mari Tietz, and Liz Stokes, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Conference
IN THE MEDIA

The Center for Ethics and Human Rights is often called upon to provide content expertise to national and international media outlets on ethics related events in the news. See the 2018 media responses below.

The ANA Center for Ethics and Human Rights receives multiple inquiries each year on a myriad of issues such as ANA advocacy efforts, Code of Ethics interpretation, scope of practice issues, ethics consultations and interest in participation with the CEHR.
The ANA Ethics Advisory Board has a monthly column in American Nurse Today titled From the Ethics Inbox. These are featured responses to some of the more challenging or frequent inquiries that are received at ethics@ana.org.

**ETHICS IN VOLUNTEERING**
- Questions to ask before combining vacation and volunteer work (July Vol. 13, Number 7).

**NURSE'S PRIVACY**
- When a nurse's privacy is breached by social media (January Vol. 13, Number 1).

**RIGHT TO TRY**
- Right to Try (February Vol. 13, Number 2).

**POLITICAL PROFESSOR**
- My professor is too political (March Vol. 13, Number 3).

**PREDATORY PUBLICATION**
- Identifying predatory publication and conference invitations (April Vol. 13, Number 4).

**HIRING RELATIVES**
- Ethical considerations when hiring spouses and relatives (May Vol. 13, Number 5).

**CONFLICT IN DISASTERS**
- Conflict in duty to provide care when disaster strikes (August Vol. 13, Number 8).

**DISCRIMINATION & RACISM**
- Nursing advocacy to address discrimination and racism (September Vol. 13, Number 9).

**INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE**
- An ethical balancing act: Caring for victims of intimate partner violence (October Vol. 13, Number 10).

**PATIENT DUMPING**
- A cold, hard lesson about patient dumping (November Vol. 13, 11).

**UNCONSCIOUS BIAS IN EHR**
- Unconscious bias and the EHR (December Vol. 13, Number 12).