

**European Clinical Ethics Network (ECEN)**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Open Forum Day**  
**13<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, Warsaw/Poland**

**Invitation to Participate**  
**and**  
**Call for Abstracts!**

**Topic: “Ethics Support and End-of-life Decisions”**

- How are decisions made in your country on withholding or withdrawing of treatment – and in what way does/could ethics support facilitate these decisions?
- What are the roles of physicians, nurses, patients and relatives in cases of withdrawal of treatment?
- How are patient preferences reflected in end-of-life decisions – and how does ethics support facilitate this process?
- What are current issues of euthanasia/assisted suicide in your country – and how is this reflected in moral deliberation (MD), moral case deliberation (MCD) or clinical ethics support (CES)?
- What is the experience and ethical evaluation of physicians and nurses about euthanasia/assisted suicide?
- Is ethics support needed/used in cases of assisted suicide?
- What kind of ethics support, if any, is requested in end-of life care or hospices in your country/institution? What ethical dilemmas have been dealt with in end-of life or hospice care in your country/institution?
- Is scarcity (of resources) an argument in end-of-life decisions? How is this reflected in MD, MCD or CES?

Please feel welcome to join us and share your experiences, ideas and viewpoints, research designs & plans, results, cases, and further questions with your professional peers within the field of CES-services. Besides participation, you are also invited to submit an abstract for a short presentation.

The **European Clinical Ethics Network (ECEN)** was founded in 2005 by Veronique Fournier (Paris) and Bert Molewijk (Amsterdam) in order to share both clinical and research experiences regarding clinical ethics support in general (such as: clinical ethics consultation and moral case deliberation). The increasing prominence of these activities within the domain of clinical ethics necessitates transparency and improvements with respect to theory, methodology, quality and results of research of clinical ethics support services. ECEN is a small network consisting of 32 members from 20 European countries. ECEN organizes an Open Forum Day once a year. Its aim is to offer a platform organized by and for people with experience in the practice, research and training of clinical ethics support.

## **Call for abstracts & proposals**

Anyone interested is invited to complete the attached document for submissions and send it to:

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**before June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023!**

Possible subjects for presentations: philosophical reflections on end-of-life issues; practical experience concerning withholding/withdrawing of treatment; practical experience concerning ethics support in end-of-life care or hospice settings; case studies and reflections of physician assisted dying and ethics support; reflections on the process of case discussions about end-of-life decisions.

## **Final Program**

The ECEN Steering Group will review all submitted abstracts and proposals. The decisions about the abstracts will be communicated afterwards. We send out the final program in early July 2023. Registration will take place after the distribution of the final program. We will keep you informed about all technical and organizational details when registration starts!

**We hope to see you in Poland in September, one day  
prior to the start of EACME!**

# Abstract for 9<sup>th</sup> ECEN Open Forum Day

## Proposal for oral presentation (ECEN OFD)

Please send to: [neitzke.gerald@mh-hannover.de](mailto:neitzke.gerald@mh-hannover.de)

Name	
Institution	
Email address	
Title of presentation:	
<b>Abstract (max. 200 words):</b>	

**Please note:** an active contribution/presentation will only be accepted if you attend the OFD on site! Participants without a presentation will get an option to participate online.