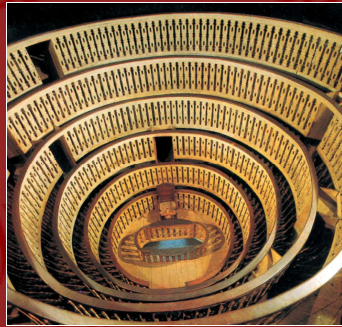


Università degli Studi di Padova



Intensive Course

# “Health Care Ethics Committees”

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## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Over the past thirty years Health Care Ethics Committees (HECs) have been identified, especially in the West, as the main tool to root and support bioethical reflection in Health Care Institutions.

Indeed, under certain conditions, they have proved of great help in (a) increasing the level of perception and analysis of the new ethical issues related to the present development of health care; (b) integrating different professional expertise and ethical perspectives; (c) promoting a real communication between Health Care Institutions and the society at large.

The three main functions through which HECs express their potential are: (1) case analysis and ethical consultation; (2) institutional guidelines' development; (3) bioethical education.

The aim of the course is to provide participants with conceptual frames and practical tools to effectively perform the above mentioned three functions.

## CONTENTS AND METHODS

*Contents* of the course include: a historical and theoretical framework of the process of institutionalization of HECs; an introduction into the typical functions of HECs, providing for each of them a conceptual frame, a concrete experience and useful practical tools; a presentation and discussion of an important European experience of building and running a network of HECs.

As to the *methods*, the course will combine lectures, group discussions and workshops.

All course activities and materials will be in English.

## PARTICIPANTS

The course should be of interest for:

- health care professionals and other professionals who wish to adequately participate in the activities of a HEC;
- professionals who have been appointed with the setting up and managing of a new HEC;
- members of already existing HECs (especially chairs and secretaries) who wish to rejuvenate their committees;
- professionals who intend to set up a HEC also outside the traditional hospital setting (hospices, nursing homes, rehabilitation centres, etc.).

## PROGRAMME DAY 1 - MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013

### Morning

- 9.00-9.15: Welcome by the scientific coordinator  
**CORRADO VIAFORA**
- 9.15-9.30: Introduction to the intensive course  
**ENRICO FURLAN**
- 9.30-10.30: Health Care Ethics Committees: historical and theoretical overview  
**KATHRIN OHNSORGE**
- 10.30-11.00: *Break*
- 11.00-11.45: Functions of HECs  
**KATHRIN OHNSORGE**
- 11.45-13.00: "To HEC or not to HEC?"  
Potentialities and ambiguities of Health Care Ethics Committees  
Workshop coordinated by **KATHRIN OHNSORGE** and **ENRICO FURLAN**

13.00: *Lunch*

### Afternoon

- 14.30-16.00: Health Care Ethics Committees: space for bioethical deliberation  
**DIEGO GRACIA**
- 16.00-16.30: *Break*
- 16.30-18.00: Case analysis  
Clinical session led by **DIEGO GRACIA**

## PROGRAMME DAY 2 - TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013

### Morning

9.00-10.30: Institutional guidelines' development  
**MARIACHIARA TALLACCHINI**

10.30-11.00: *Break*

11.00-13.00: Institutional guidelines' development: experiences and methods  
Lecture and workshop  
**ENRICO FURLAN**

13.00: *Lunch*

### Afternoon

14.30-16.00: Bioethics education in the health care setting  
**PIERA POLETTI**

16.00-16.30: *Break*

16.30-18.00: The educational function of HECs: experiences and methods  
Lecture and workshop  
**PIERA POLETTI and ENRICO FURLAN**

19.30: *Dinner*

## PROGRAMME DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013

### Morning

9.00-10.30: Core competences for Health Care Ethics Committees  
**ANNE-MARIE SLOWTHER**

10.30-11.00: *Break*

11.00-13.00: Setting up and running a Health Care Ethics Committees network  
Workshop coordinated by **ANNE-MARIE SLOWTHER**

13.00: *Lunch*

### Afternoon

14.30-16.00: Evaluating Health Care Ethics Committees: tools and procedures  
**ANNE-MARIE SLOWTHER**

16.00-16.30: *Break*

16.30-18.00: Planning a year-long educational programme for HECs members  
Workshop coordinated by **ENRICO FURLAN** and **KATHRIN OHNSORGE**

18.00: *Farewell cocktail*

## REGISTRATION

Registration to the intensive course will be open from December 1, 2012.

The course fee is:

- € 600 for early registration (until February 28, 2013);
- € 700 for registration after February 28, 2013 (from March 1 to April 15, 2013).

The fee includes tuition and course materials, as well as refreshments, three lunches and a dinner.

Detailed information on registration and payment will be available at [www.filosofia.unipd.it/post-lauream/master/intensive-courses](http://www.filosofia.unipd.it/post-lauream/master/intensive-courses).

Participants are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Please visit [www.masterbioethics.org](http://www.masterbioethics.org) under *Intensive Courses* for information.

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This course is part of the Erasmus Mundus Master of Bioethics programme, organised by a consortium of three European universities: the KU Leuven (Belgium), the Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen (The Netherlands) and the Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy).

Participants of the intensive course will therefore join EMMB students from all over the world.