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SPOTLIGHT ON EVENTS

Ethics Is a Critical Focus Area for Systemwide Training

The results of the 2003 EES National Training Critical Focus Areas survey are in and ethics was identified as a national training priority for FY2004. In fact, ethics moved up from No. 20 in last year's rankings to No. 8 for the coming year.

As the primary office in VHA for addressing complex issues in health care ethics, the National Center for Ethics in Health Care collaborates with the Employee Education System to bring outstanding programs like monthly National Ethics Teleconferences to leaders and practitioners throughout VHA. New programs now in development include the *Integrated Ethics Program (IEP) Initiative*, designed to apply quality improvement principles to health care ethics.

Upcoming National Ethics Teleconferences

October 28, 2003 — Ethics Center education chief William Nelson, PhD, looks back on 20 years of health care ethics in VHA. Noon–1:00pm Eastern.

November 19, 2003 — Marybeth Foglia, MN, MA, examines ethical issues in practicing procedures on the newly dead. 1:00–2:00pm Eastern.

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