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NATIONAL ETHICS NEWS

Challenges and Change book now available at no charge

The National Center for Ethics of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) announces publication of a book entitled *Challenges and Change*. This compendium contains fourteen reports produced by VHA's National Ethics Committee during the last 6 years, making them collectively available to the public for the first time.

Reports by the VHA National Ethics Committee provide a first-hand glimpse into the history and development of ethics standards within the largest health care system in the country. Founded in 1986, the Committee is an interdisciplinary group charged by the Under Secretary for Health to issue reports on ethics-related topics. Each report describes an ethical issue, summarizes its historical context, discusses its relevance to VHA, reviews current controversies, and outlines recommendations. Scholarly yet practical, these reports are intended to heighten awareness of ethical issues and to improve the quality of health care, both within and beyond VHA. Over the years reports have served as resources for educational programs, guides for patient care practices, and catalysts for health policy reform. Topics range from utility to resource allocation to research on subjects with impaired consent capacity.

The book is in its first printing, and there is no charge to obtain copies while supplies last. To request a book, please download and print the PDF order form. Then mail or fax it to:

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Videotape on protection of human research subjects at a VA library near you!

A videotape entitled *Protection from Research Risks: Challenges for Today's Investigators and Research Administrators* has been produced by the Office of Research and Development and distributed to all VAMC libraries. The video documents an October 1999 satellite panel discussion of how to protect human subjects of research. For more information about the protection of human

research subjects and VHA's research assurance process visit
<http://www.va.gov/resdev/fr/broadcast.htm>

Compliance web site offers easy access to information

Ever wondered about the new VHA compliance program and how it works? A web site brings together information about the development and implementation of the VHA compliance program. Links provide access to policy documents and Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) compliance resources. To learn more, go to <http://vhacoweb1.cio.med.va.gov/cfocompliance>