Resources in Ethics

In addition to general ethics-related materials available on the Center’s website (vaww.ethics.va.gov), the following resources may be helpful:

Print Resources


Fletcher JC, Boyle R. Introduction to Clinical Ethics, 2nd ed. Frederick, MD: University Publishing Group;1997.

Giganti E. Organizational ethics is “systems thinking.” Health Progress 2004;85(3). Available at www.chausa.org/Pub/MainNav/News/HP/Archive/2004/05MayJune/columns/HP0405d.htm.


**Online Resources–Codes of Ethics**

The Academy of Management

Code of Ethical Conduct
[http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/academy.mgt.b.html](http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/academy.mgt.b.html)

Standards of Professional Conduct for Academic Management Consultants
[http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/academy.mgt.a.html](http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/academy.mgt.a.html)

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
[http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/amer.assoc.nurse.anesthetists.a.html](http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/amer.assoc.nurse.anesthetists.a.html)

American College of Healthcare Executives
American College of Radiology
http://www.acr.org (membership required)

American Counseling Association

American Medical Record Association
http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/amer.health.infoassoc.html

American Medical Association
http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/put/category/2512.html

American Nurses Association
http://nursingworld.org/mods/mod508/code.pdf

American Pharmaceutical Association
http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/amer.pharmaceutical.assoc.coe.2.html

American Pharmacists Association

American Psychological Association
http://www.apa.org/ethics/homepage.html

American Society of Public Administration
http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/amer.soc.public.admin.c.html

Association of Professional Chaplains
http://www.professionalchaplains.org/professional-chaplain-services-about-code-ethics.htm

Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification
http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/commission.rehab.counselor.cert.b.html

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/coe/healthcare.info.mgt.systems.soc.coe.html

International Association of Administrative Professionals

National Association of Social Workers
http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp

More professional codes of ethics can be found at http://ethics.iit.edu/codes/codes_index

Online Resources–Ethics Centers & Websites

American Medical Association (AMA)
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH)  
http://www.asbh.org

Bioethics.net – The American Journal of Bioethics  
http://www.bioethics.net/

Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania  
http://www.bioethics.upenn.edu/

Center for the Study of Bioethics, Medical College of Wisconsin  
http://www.mcw.edu/bioethics/index.html

The Cross Cultural Health Care Program  
http://www.xculture.org/index.cfm

End of Life/Palliative Education Resource Center  
http://www.eperc.mcw.edu/About.htm

The Ethics Resource Center  
http://www.ethics.org/

EthnoMed  
http://ethnomed.org/

The Hastings Center  
http://www.thehastingscenter.org/

Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University  
http://kennedyinstitute.georgetown.edu/index.htm

National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC)  
http://www.georgetown.edu/research/nrcbi/nbac/

National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature, Georgetown University  
http://www.georgetown.edu/research/nrcbi/nrc/index.htm

Nuffield Council on Bioethics  
http://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/

University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics  
http://www.bioethics.umn.edu/

**VHA Policies**

Available from the Center’s website, http://vaww.ethics.va.gov/activities/policy.asp:

VHA Handbook 1004.1, Informed Consent for Clinical Treatments & Procedures

VHA Handbook 1004.2, Advance Health Care Planning

VHA Handbook 1004.3, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Protocols within the Department of Veterans Affairs
VHA Directive 2005-049, Disclosure of Adverse Events to Patients

*Other VA and public policies relating to ethics:*

VHA Directive 2001-027, Organ Transplants  

VHA Directive 2003-008, Palliative Care Consult Teams (PCCT)  


VHA Directive 2003-060, Business Relationships Between VHA Staff and Pharmaceutical Industry Representatives  

VHA Directive 2005-049, Disclosure of Adverse Events to Patients  

VHA Handbook 1004.1, Informed Consent for Treatments and Procedures  

VHA Handbook 1004.2, Advance Health Care Planning (Advance Directives)  

VHA Handbook 1004.3, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Protocols Within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)  

VHA Handbook 1058.2, Research Misconduct  

VHA Handbook 1200.5, Requirements for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research  

VHA Handbook 1605.1, Privacy and Release of Information  

VHA Manual M-2, Part VI, Chapter 9, Post-Mortem Examination  

*Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch*  

5 USC 2302(b), Prohibited Personnel Practices  
[www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode)

5 USC 2301(b), Merit System Principles  
[www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode)

Other important standards are established by accrediting bodies, such as the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO, [http://www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org)) and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF, [http://www.carf.org](http://www.carf.org)).
VHA Directive 2003-008, Palliative Care Consult Teams (PCCT)
www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=231

www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=246

VHA Directive 2003-060, Business Relationships Between VHA Staff and Pharmaceutical Industry Representatives
www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=288

VHA Directive 2005-049, Disclosure of Adverse Events to Patients
http://vaww1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1339

VHA Handbook 1004.1, Informed Consent for Treatments and Procedures
www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=404

VHA Handbook 1004.2, Advance Health Care Planning (Advance Directives)
www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=420

VHA Handbook 1004.3, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Protocols Within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1150

VHA Handbook 1058.2, Research Misconduct
www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1259

VHA Handbook 1200.5, Requirements for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research
www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=418

VHA Handbook 1605.1, Privacy and Release of Information

VHA Manual M-2, Part VI, Chapter 9, Post-Mortem Examination
www.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=855

Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch
usoge.gov/pages/forms_pubs_otherdocs?fpo_files/references/rfsoc_02.pdf

5 USC 2302(b), Prohibited Personnel Practices
www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode

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