



Location: Zoom Meeting 5/31/2022
Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Agenda

Time	Topic	Facilitator
5:00 PM:	Welcome New Members/Introduction to HCELC	Chris
5:05 PM:	Information sharing on the Empire State Bioethics Consortium	Margie/Chris
5:10 PM:	Medical Update: Transition in method to calculate eGFR in adults. (Update).	Chris
5:15 PM:	Case-Study.	Suzana Makowski, MD
5:55 PM:	Close/Next Meeting.	Chris

Attendees: Margie Shaw, Chris Reynolds, Beth Talia, Patrick Hopkins, Rich Demme, Carl T. D’Angio, Jim Haley, Gary Kochersberger, Hazel Robertshaw, Jeffrey Allen, Justin Weis, Karen Abbas, Kelly O’Donoghue, Kim Van Orden, Lawrence Hargrave, Pat Newcomb, B. Lee, Suzana Makowski, Diane Hayton, Janine Fogarty, Lawrence Torcello, Michael Nabozny, Celia McIntosh, Michael DiSalle, David Kaufman, Mary Patricia Allen, Lori Kennedy, Marc Ambrosi

Item: Welcome/Introduction to HCELC/Current Structure

Discussion: Chris welcomed the group to the HCELC and for the introduction reviewed pieces of the Mission and Problem Statement (below) that was created in the initial stages of the consortium. Chris shared this is our 11th consortium meeting. A group that started back in June of 2018. The work and committee have been expanding in pursuit of the mission. Chris shared an appreciation for the Academy and the opportunity this consortium presents in working across both health system and affiliates to share information, best practices and to collaborate on key issues.

Mission

The Academy created the Health Care Ethics Leadership Consortium to better understand the bioethics consultation service environment in our region, to support collaborations across institutions, to create regional best bioethics practices, and to support national efforts to elevate bioethics practice.



Current membership includes ethics leadership from healthcare institutions across the region. The HCELC meets quarterly to address the numerous challenges in providing the highest level of service. In addition, the HCELC hosts a forum to share information across institutions.

Problem Statement

“Ethics consultants and committee members face numerous challenges in providing the highest level of service. Chief among the challenges are the undervaluing ethics consultation services and ethics committee work; the increasing variety of backgrounds and educational experience of consultants and committee members; and limited time and local opportunities to appropriately engage in targeted continuing education programs.”

Decision/Action Items: N/A

Item: Information sharing on the Empire State Bioethics Consortium

Discussion:

Founded in 2020, the Empire State Bioethics Consortium is a not-for-profit membership organization of scholars, researchers, and practitioners dedicated to addressing ethical issues and inequities in health and health care across New York State. <https://www.empirestatebioethics.org/>

Decision/Action Items: Click on the link to review and consider joining ESBC.

Item: Medical Update: Transition in method to calculate eGFR in adults. (Update).

Discussion: Through a system-wide partnership with Rochester Regional Health, the University of Rochester Medical Center, and other community organizations, a decision has been made to transition using the 2021 CKD-EPI equation to calculate eGFR - effective March 1, 2022.

For background, the *estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)* is a test that measures your level of kidney function and determines your stage of kidney disease. The recommended method for estimating GFR in adults, from the National Kidney Foundation, is the 2021 CKD-EPI equations.

Over the last 20 years, the eGFR formula based on creatinine levels, included factors such as age, sex and race. Due to growing awareness that race is a social construct, and that adding race to medical equations can have unintended consequences, adopting the 2021 CKD-EPI Refit Equation, addresses this important concern as it does not involve race. While there may be a slight change in the eGFR initially, this equation does not reduce the accuracy of eGFR. In place and working so far.



Decision/Action Items: N/A

Item: Case Study – Suzana Makowski presented a case for discussion.

Discussion: N/A

Decision/Action Items: N/A

Item: ASBH  AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR
BIOETHICS + HUMANITIES

Discussion: Chris and Margie gave a pitch for this group to get more acquainted with ASBH and consider some of their offerings e.g., the conferences coming up in October or to sit for the HEC-C exam.

Decision/Action Items: Group to review info at the website. <https://asbh.org/>

Item: Next HCELC Zoom Meeting?

Discussion: Margie/Chris and Marc to meet to organize an in-person meeting in September where the group can continue doing case -studies but also talk about the sustainability of the HCELC going forward.

Decision/Action Items: Marc to schedule meeting w/Chris and Margie.

End.
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