Final Committee Objectives 2020-21

Ethics Committee

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Board Liaison: Gabor D. Kelen, MD, FACEP
Staff Liaison: Leslie Moore, JD

1. Identify and develop educational opportunities and materials on ethics issues, including at least three articles for ACEP publications including:
   - Ethical issues of inter-professional relationships in the ED.
   - Ethical issues of emotional support animals.
   - Ethical approach to undocumented dialysis patients relying on the ED.

2. Review the Policy Compendium of the Code of Ethics for Emergency Physicians and recommend needed revisions to the Board of Directors.

3. Review ethics complaints and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors.

4. Develop the following information papers:
   - Ethical issues stemming from medicine/healthcare becoming more business-centric and consumer oriented, and the impact on the dynamics and integrity of the patient-physician relationship.
   - Ethics of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in emergency medicine.
   - Ethics concerning 100% RVU compensation.
   - Ethical considerations of the patient criteria that should be used to guide decisions about aggressive emergency medical care in pandemic times.
   - Ethical obligations of ED’s in addressing structural racism.

5. Review the following policies per the Policy Sunset Review Process:
   - College Board Member and Officer Expert Testimony
   - Commercial Filming of Patients in the ED
   - Conflicts of Interest in Biomedical Research
   - Ethical Issues of Resuscitation
   - Gifts to Emergency Physicians from Industry
   - Gifts to Emergency Physicians from the Biomedical Industry – PREP

   Determine by December 15 if the policies should be reaffirmed, revised, rescinded, or sunsetted. Submit any proposed revisions to the Board for approval by the end of the committee year.

6. Develop a policy statement on the ethics of national pandemic disaster readiness.

7. Develop an information paper regarding possible unintended consequences that may violate patient confidentiality to include Methadone in state and federal prescription databases in response to Amended Resolution 28(18).

8. Develop a Policy Resource and Education Paper (PREP) as an adjunct to the policy statement “Law Enforcement Information Gathering in the ED” to reflect the recent relevant court decisions regarding consent for searches with or without a warrant to provide clarification and guidance to emergency physicians on their ethical and legal obligations on this issue in response to Amended Resolution 46(18).