



- Invitation to pediatric cancer centres -

Ethics course: guiding ethics case reflection (ECR) sessions

Part I: 27-29 sept 2017, Part II: 15-16 mars 2018

Rosersbergs Palace Hotel, Sigtuna, Sweden

We invite pediatric cancer centres within the framework of NOPHO/NOBOS to recommend 2-4 professionals for the ethics course in guiding ECR sessions. The course will consist of a 3-day introduction and a 2-day follow up with practice and exercises in-between at the participant's pediatric cancer centre.

Expectations on the management teams at the centres include to:

- recommend suitable professionals (able to develop ethical, communication and guiding skills)
- support participants to work with ethical concerns in the clinical setting
- create space for ethical deliberation and ECR sessions in the clinical setting

The applicants do not have to be directly or solely employed at the pediatric cancer centres but the skills they acquire during the course should benefit the children affected by cancer and the pediatric cancer centre.

Expectations on applicants include to:

- read and be well acquainted with the course educational material that will be sent out 4 weeks prior to the course
- commit to work with ethical concerns within the clinical setting; facilitate ECR sessions in the clinic in-between the two parts and after part II (about 10 sessions/year and centre)

Deadline for applications: May 31, 2017. Please complete one registration form/applicant and send application to: lisa.tornudd@regionostergotland.se

The official language: English and Swedish (Literature will be in English but reflections will be performed in English and/or Swedish)

Fee: No course fee. Meals are covered. The participants will cover their own travel expenses and accommodation.

Accommodation: The participants and the faculty will be accommodated at the venue of the course. Single room 1276 SEK/pp/night

Venue: Please see the venue webpage for details: <https://www.rosersbergsslott.se/en>

Organisers: Pernilla Pergert & Lisa Törnudd on behalf of the NOPHO/NOBOS Working Group on Ethics in collaboration with Bert Molewijk, VU University medical centre.

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- Short course description -

Ethics course: guiding ethics case reflection (ECR) sessions, part I-II Rosersbergs Palace Hotel, 2017-2018

This course will include the theory of ethics case reflection (ECR) but it is first and foremost a skill course. We will focus on learning by doing. During the course the participants will learn how to handle ethical concerns and practice guiding ECR sessions. The first part of the course will be a 3-day introduction to guiding ECR sessions followed by a period in which the participants should practice in their clinical setting. The second part of the course is a 2-day follow-up where participants can fine-tune their knowledge and skills.

ECR sessions

An ECR session is a meeting where the inter-professional team has the opportunity to reflect on one ethical concern that they experience in a clinical case. Structured ECR sessions enable healthcare professionals to more constructively and methodologically deal with ethically challenging situations. Research has shown that ECR sessions can improve the handling of difficult cases, increase professionals' ethical competency and improve cooperation in the inter-professional team.

The ethics course offers:

- Basic knowledge of ECR and a conversation method
- Sufficient experience to independently guide ECR sessions in a structured manner
- Opportunity to recognize and further develop your own style of guiding ECR sessions

Topics include: what a good case is, what an ethical question is, why and how to write notes, how to implement ECR sessions, follow up of ECR sessions, norms and values, emotions, etc.

Teaching methods: exercises, lectures and small workshops\sub groups etc.

Intended learning outcomes; after completion of this course, the participants should be able to:

- structure the reflection and focus on the ethical concern of the case
- foster a sincere and constructive dialogue and to support shared reasoning
- avoid giving substantial advice
- help the group plan actions in order to improve the quality of care

Trainers and participants make the course together. We share experience, expertise and competence and reflect on the ECR process together.

We hope that this course will provide new knowledge of giving ethics support that will benefit not only the participants but also the organizations and the children and families affected by cancer at your centre.

Pernilla Pergert & Lisa Törnudd

on behalf of the NOPHO/NOBOS Working Group on Ethics and in collaboration with Bert Molewijk, VU University medical centre.



- Application form -

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Applicant

Name: _____

Profession: _____

Present position: _____

Hospital: _____

Allergies/dietary requirements: _____

Accommodation: Single Share with _____

Arrival on: Tuesday evening Wednesday morning

By completing this registration form I assert my commitment to fulfill the course and the expectations on applicants (described above).

Date and Signature: _____

Approval from Pediatric Cancer Centre

I recommend the above applicant as a participant in the ethics course in guiding ECR sessions, I assert my commitment to fulfill the expectations on the management team at the centre as declared above, and I guarantee that the applicant will be provided with means to fulfill the course commitments.

Pediatric Cancer Centre: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date and Signature: _____