
One-year surgical ethics fellowship available

The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago has announced the opportunity to apply for a surgical ethics fellowship endorsed by the American College of Surgeons. This program is designed for surgeons who are interested in gaining training and experience in medical ethics and is intended to prepare surgeons for academic work related to medical ethics.

The program will begin with a six-week, full-time, intensive introduction in July and August. From September 2009 to June 2010, fellows will meet one day a week for a structured ethics curriculum that will include Topics in Clinical Eth-

ics, Conceptual Foundations of Health Law, and Analytic Philosophy and research-in-progress seminars. Fellows will also receive training in ethics consultation and will be expected to commit to two to three months of consult service. Working with faculty mentors, each fellow will design and execute at least one research project. Additional activities for each surgical ethics fellow will be individualized.

Funding of up to \$50,000 for participation in the yearlong fellowship training program is available to a limited number of applicants. An additional option of a part-time surgical ethics fellowship is also available. Applicants should prepare

a personal statement plan that explains the following: (1) how the surgical ethics fellowship will be useful in their career, (2) how much projected time the applicant will have to pursue his or her goals during the fellowship year, and (3) how and whether the funding will ensure the necessary projected time to achieve these goals.

Applications must be submitted by **March 15, 2009**, and are available at <http://medicine.uchicago.edu/centers/ccme/SurgicalSite/Fellowships.html>. For further information, contact Peter Angelos, MD, FACS, at pangelos@surgery.bsd.uchicago.edu or Mark Siegler, MD, at msiegler@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu.

CSPS to co-convene symposium in May

The Council on Surgical & Perioperative Safety (CSPS) and Joint Commission Resources Inc. are cosponsoring a symposium—Improving, Enhancing, and Sustaining Positive Patient Outcomes—to convene May 8–9 in Chicago, IL, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers.

The target audience for this symposium is surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurse anesthetists, perianesthesia and perioperative nurses, surgical physicians' assistants, surgical technologists, pharmacists, and all others who provide care and services within the surgical area. The conference goals of in-

creased teamwork and improved communication translate to better patient outcomes, which are topics of interest to business leaders (such as chief executive officers and chief financial officers) and risk management professionals.

At the end of the conference, participants will be able to describe the current state of perioperative safety and prioritize strategies for improvement within their respective organizations; analyze the methods presented to determine which would most effectively enhance the interdisciplinary care model at their organization, evaluate

and apply interdisciplinary approaches designed for specialty patients/situations, examine tenets of and advocate for medication safety in the perioperative area, and investigate causes of surgical/anesthesia errors as a means to develop preventive processes.

To register for the symposium and for more information, visit <http://www.jcrinc.com/Conferences-and-Seminars/Perioperative-Safety-Symposium/1512/>. For more information on the CSPS, visit <http://www.cspsteam.org/>, or contact Denise Goode at dgoode@facs.org.