

Clinical Ethics in Australia: the first national workshop

The first national workshop on clinical ethics in Australia will be held at Macquarie University on 30 June 2005. The workshop is sponsored by NSW Health, and will be convened by Professor Nancy Dubler from Montefiore Medical Centre, New York, USA. Places are limited to 100 participants. The workshop will occur in the lead-up to a major interdisciplinary conference (see conference announcement below).

Further information, including registration details, is available at www.comet-velim.org

Conference Announcement

In 2005 there will be a major conference in Sydney which combines the third international interdisciplinary conference on Communication, Medicine and Ethics (COMET) and the eighth annual seminar of the Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine (VELIM). The theme of the conference is *Diversity of discourse communities in health: power, politics and risk*. It will be held at the The University of Sydney on Friday 1 July and Saturday 2 July. The programme includes five colloquia and more than 70 papers organised into themed sessions. Three pre-conference workshops will also be held at Macquarie University on Thursday 30 June, including the first national conference on clinical ethics in Australia (see previous announcement).

Further information, including a full programme and registration details, is available at www.comet-velim.org

Ethics Seminar

The eighth annual seminar of the Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine will occur this year as part of a major international conference (see conference announcement above). The seminar will be held on Friday, 1 July, 9am to 5.30pm at the University of Sydney. The theme of the seminar will be *Limits of language, communication and narrative*. Speakers include Nancy Dubler, Paul Komesaroff, Miles Little and Jim Martin. Those who register for this one-day seminar only will have the option of attending any of the parallel sessions that are offered on the same day within the wider conference.

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