

World Medical Association International Code of Medical Ethics
Final expert meeting
August 11-12, 2022
The Westin Washington DC City Center
National Ballroom B/C
Washington, DC, USA



PROGRAM

| August 10th | |
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| 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Closed ICoME workgroup meeting |
| August 11th | |
| 7 a.m. | Registration in National Ballroom Foyer |
| 7:30 a.m. | Breakfast available in Ashlawn North |
| 9 – 9:15 a.m. | Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Heidi Stensmyren, President, World Medical Association, Sweden Dr. Susan Bailey, Past-President, Dr. Jesse Ehrenfeld, President-Elect, American Medical Association |
| Session 1 Chair: Prof. Dr. Frank Ulrich Montgomery, WMA Chair of Council Co-chair: Dr. Jesse Ehrenfeld, President-Elect, American Medical Association | |
| 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. | Summary of the International Code of Medical Ethics (ICoME) revision process and overview of the current revised draft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ramin Parsa-Parsi, Chair of WMA ICoME revision workgroup; German Medical Association |
| 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | Panel discussion Members of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs of the American Medical Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does an ethics code come to be? Case studies/application of the Code of Medical Ethics to real life situations (for example, in resource poor environments) |
| 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | Coffee break in National Ballroom Foyer |
| 10:45 – 11 a.m. | An international code of medical ethics in the 21st century Commentator: Prof. Urban Wiesing, Director of the Institute of Ethics and History of Medicine, University of Tübingen, Germany (confirmed) Ethics advisor, International Code of Medical Ethics revision workgroup Discussion |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Preamble and General Principles (13 paragraphs) Commentator: Prof. James F. Childress, Professor Emeritus of Ethics and Religious Studies, University of Virginia, USA Focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order of paragraphs |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential redundancies • Placement of paragraphs in general principles vs. other sections (e.g., Duties to the patient.) • Medical emergencies – do we need to distinguish between “local” and “global” medical emergencies? |
| 12 – 1p.m. | Lunch buffet in Ashlawn North |
| <p>Session 2 Chair: Dr. Marit Hermansen, Chair of Medical Ethics Committee, WMA, Norway Co-chair: Peter A. Schwartz, MD, Chair, AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA)</p> | |
| 1 – 2 p.m. | <p>Recap of Jakarta meeting (10 minutes) Presentation of new conscientious objection wording / discussion Commentator: Dr. Patrice Harris, Past President, American Medical Association (AMA)</p> |
| 2– 3 p.m. | <p>Duties to the patient (17 paragraphs) Commentator: Dr. Daniel Sulmasy, Director, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, USA Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order of paragraphs • Potential conflicts or redundancies with General Principles • “Do no harm” clause (paragraph 15) • Informed consent / decision making comprehensive enough? (paragraphs 16-19) • Revisit paragraph on marketing and advertising and whether the following controversial sentence should be added: “The physician may not participate in advertising or marketing of products related to the physician’s professional activity” (paragraph 25) • Remote treatment – comprehensive enough (paragraph 27) |
| 3 – 3:15 p.m. | Coffee break |
| 3:15 – 4 p.m. | <p>Duties to other physicians and health professionals (4 paragraphs) Commentator: Prof. Alex John London, Clara L. West Professor of Ethics and Philosophy and Director of the Center for Ethics and Policy at Carnegie Mellon University (confirmed) Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order of paragraphs • Potential redundancies / conflicts with other paragraphs? • Comprehensive enough? • Is paragraph on mutual respect between teachers and students of medicine and other health professionals clear enough? |
| 4 – 4:45 p.m. | <p>Duties to society and as a member of organized medicine Commentator: Dr. Susan Bailey, Past-President, American Medical Association Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order of paragraphs |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential redundancies / conflicts with other paragraphs? • Comprehensive enough? |
| 4:45- 4:55 p.m. | Wrap-up and final discussion |
| 4:55 – 5 p.m. | Closing remarks |
| TBD | Dinner (optional) |
| August 12th | |
| 7 a.m. | Registration in National Ballroom Foyer |
| 7:30 a.m. | Breakfast available in Ashlawn North |
| 9 – 10:30 a.m. | Workgroup meeting begins (observers are welcome) |
| 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | Coffee break in National Ballroom Foyer |
| 10:45 – 12 p.m. | Workgroup meeting continued |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch buffet in Ashlawn North |