When making medical ethics decisions, concerns about patient confidentiality, consent, competency, potential liability, treatment costs, and family wishes often are compounded by the conflicting demands of government, the judiciary, health care providers and patients. Medical Ethics Advisor focuses on current issues so you can understand how biological, legal, financial, and moral viewpoints interrelate and shape the decision-making process.

Each month, Medical Ethics Advisor offers critical information to help you:

* stay up-to-date on important social issues such as palliative care, end-of-life issues, human cloning, assisted suicide, informed consent, research ethics, legal issues, professional integrity issues, disaster planning, and more;
* implement policies, procedures, and organizational ethics by providing information on regulatory and legislative developments, and existing and emerging standards in the bioethics community;
* stay current on privacy and confidentiality concerns, especially in the light of HIPAA regulations;
* provide practical and useful advice on organizing an ethics committee and on facilitating communication among committee members, and between the committee and hospital staff.

You also will get expert opinions on the latest ethical controversies and developments in clinical research, new medical technologies and treatments, and financial arrangements.

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* discuss new information about hospital-based approaches to bioethical issues and developments in the regulatory arena that apply to the hospital ethics committee;
* stay abreast of developments in bioethics and their implications on patient care, risk management, and liability;
* learn how bioethical issues specifically affect physicians, patients, and patients' families;
* learn how the roles of different types of health care practitioners are vital to the overall implementation on viable and useful ethics committees.