

**MEDCENTRAL HEALTH SYSTEM  
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL**

<b>TO: MEDICAL STAFF, EMPLOYEES</b>		<b>SUBJECT: MEDCENTRAL HEALTH SYSTEM ETHICS COMMITTEE BYLAWS</b>	
<b>POLICY DESIGNATED: [X] SYSTEMWIDE</b>   <b>MANSFIELD</b>   <b>CRESTLINE</b>   <b>SHELBY</b>			
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**ARTICLE I - NAME**

MedCentral Health System - Ethics Committee

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND GOALS**

**SECTION 1 - PURPOSE:**

The Ethics Committee is established to provide a forum to assist physicians, other allied health personnel, patient and their family members, and the health system with bioethical decisions. It is not meant to replace the customary family-patient physician relationship in reaching practical decisions about appropriate care. We are a diverse group of persons, compassionately seeking good and justice to ensure the dignity, worth and autonomy of each person. The Committee will serve as an advisory, educational, and informational resource in the Health System.

**SECTION 2 - GOALS:**

- A) To aid in formulating system policy concerning medical-ethical issues.
- B) To provide a non-judgmental atmosphere in which to explore ethical dilemmas by clarification of values and reviewing the ethical principles involved in decision making.
- C) To serve as a forum for open communication and a source of ideas for resolution of ethical dimensions of medical care, and to include in-house and community programs.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1 - COMPOSITION:**

The Committee will be composed of a minimum of fifteen (15) active voting members. The Committee will be multi disciplinary reflecting the broad dimensions of the ethical issues facing the system. All health facilities of the system will be represented on the Committee.