

**SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEM
ETHICS COMMITTEE
Modus Operandi**

PURPOSE

To serve as an educational, supportive, and consultative resource to patients, community, physicians, and staff in addressing and/or advising ethical matters stemming from patient care.

FUNCTION

Provide educational support to patients, community, and staff in order to raise awareness/generate appreciation of bioethical issues within health system and community.

Develop and refer resources to assist the resolution of ethical dilemmas identified by patients, families, and patient care providers.

Serve as liaison to community and statewide bioethics networks.

Monitor and evaluate the System's effectiveness in respecting patient rights and resolving ethical dilemmas.

Advise Board of Trustees Quality Committee on ethical policies that relate to patient care.

When asked, serve as a non-binding consultative resource in resolving ethical matters.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee shall include representatives of the Board of Trustees, Medical Staff, Clergy, Nursing, Administration, Social Work, Clinical Psychiatry, Patient Liaison Office, and Community.

MEETING/REPORTING

The committee shall meet as needed and report to the Board of Trustees Quality Committee.

Committee Co-Chairs reserve the right to appoint subcommittees on an ad-hoc basis.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The reports, conclusions, recommendations and actions taken are confidential and used for decision making purposes by the Summa Health System Ethics and the Board of Trustees Quality Committee.