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**The Children's Hospital Annual Ethics Conference  
March 20, 2009**

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## The Children's Hospital Annual Ethics Conference Ethical Issues in Pediatric Behavioral Healthcare



**Friday, March 20, 2009**

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### Purpose

Pediatric behavioral health care presents unique ethical challenges, both in advancing knowledge through research and in applying current scientific understanding. This conference will explore the interrelatedness of physical, emotional and behavioral health in children, with special emphasis on the contributions of ethics in integrating these aspects of health in guiding action for complex situations of diagnosis, treatment and research.

Practical problems such as prescribing psychotropic medications, dealing with disrupted family relationships, communicating confidential behavior-related information and improving access to behavioral health care will be addressed.

### Target Audience

This conference will be of interest to those who serve in the health professions, and to those who work in any organization, institution or network that provides services to children and their families. This will be an opportunity to share insights from many perspectives on how behavioral health services can be better understood and coordinated.



### Objectives

Upon completion of this conference, participants should be able to:

- Explore the impact of modern social change on children's behavior.
- Examine how clinical ethics consultation can help clarify a course of action when behavioral issues interfere with decision making.
- Reflect on current problems in prescribing psychotropic medication in children.
- Discuss issues related to performing research in pediatric behavioral health care.
- Describe the need for and methods of providing communication of confidential behavioral health information.
- Review proposed solutions for improving access to behavioral health services for children.

### Registration Information

#### Registration Fees:

The Children's Hospital Staff (You must register to attend)	\$ 40
Community Participants	\$ 50

The registration fee will include continental breakfast, lunch and conference materials.

**If using an agency credit card**, prior authorization from the issuing bank is required as some cards have usage restrictions. There will be an additional \$25 fee to reprocess any declined credit card.

### Cancellation Policy

The registration fee is non-refundable, however you may send a replacement (notification required).

### Further Information

For questions or to request arrangements to accommodate a disability, contact Jeannie Dixon, Conference Coordinator, (720) 777-6123 or e-mail: [dixon.jeannie@tchden.org](mailto:dixon.jeannie@tchden.org), in advance of the conference.



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## Agenda: March 20, 2009

### The Children's Hospital - Mt. Oxford Auditorium

7:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

7:55 Welcome  
Mark Yarborough PhD

8:00 Children's State of Mind 2009: Social Factors in Pediatric Behavioral Health  
Kathleen Kline, MD

8:45 Behavioral Issues in Ethics Consultation: Case Discussions  
Stefan Mokrohisky, MD

9:15 Psychotropic Medications: Problems in Prescribing  
Harrison Levine, MD

10:00 Break

10:15 Ethics in Disturbed Relationships: Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy  
Brian Stafford, MD

11:00 Ethical Issues in Pediatric Behavioral Health Research  
Panel Moderator: Marilyn Coors, PhD

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 Pediatric Grand Rounds  
The Crisis in Behavioral Health Care Access: From Triage to Treatment to Transition  
Panel Moderator: Jenny McCurdy, RN MH

2:00 Caring For the Child With Multiple Diagnoses: Who Is In Charge?  
Debbie R. Carter, MD

2:45 Communicating Behavioral Health Information: Who Needs To Know?  
Panel Moderator: Ed Goldson, MD

3:45 Summary and Evaluation

4:00 Adjourn

## Continuing Education Credit

**Medical:** The Children's Hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Children's Hospital takes responsibility for the content, quality and scientific integrity of the CME activity.

The Children's Hospital designates this educational activity for a maximum of 6.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>TM</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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This educational activity for 6.75 nursing contact hours is provided by The Children's Hospital.

**Others:** A certificate of attendance will be given to all others.

## Parking

The Children's Hospital and University of Colorado Hospital employees must park in their designated area. Due to a shortage of parking spaces in the Family & Visitors' parking structure, conference guests will be directed to park in the overflow lot. Event parking signage will be posted as you enter the campus from Colfax Avenue and Aurora Court.

## Acknowledgements

We gratefully acknowledge the generous unrestricted educational grant from Kaiser Permanente and the Program in Bioethics at The Children's Hospital in support of this conference.

## Speakers

**Debbie R. Carter, MD**  
Associate Professor of Psychiatry  
University of Colorado Denver  
Training Director,  
Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

**Marilyn Coors, PhD**  
Associate Professor, Center for Bioethics & Humanities  
University of Colorado Denver

**Edward Goldson, MD**  
Professor of Pediatrics, University of Colorado Denver  
Professor of Child Development  
The Children's Hospital

**Kathleen Kline, MD**  
Associate Professor, University of Colorado Denver  
Medical Director, Mood & Thought Disorder Clinic  
The Children's Hospital

**B. Harrison Levine, MD MPH**  
Assistant Professor Psychiatry  
University of Colorado Denver  
Medical Director of Psychiatry  
Consultation Liaison & Emergency Services  
The Children's Hospital

**Jenny McCurdy, RN MH**  
Program in Bioethics  
The Children's Hospital

**Stefan Mokrohisky, MD**  
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics  
University of Colorado Denver  
Chair, Ethics Committee, The Children's Hospital

**Brian Stafford, MD MPH**  
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry & Pediatrics  
University of Colorado Denver  
Medical Director, Project Climb  
The Children's Hospital

**Marianne Z. Wamboldt, MD**  
Professor of Psychiatry, University of Colorado Denver  
Chair, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences  
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**Mark Yarborough, PhD**  
Director, Center for Bioethics & Humanities  
University of Colorado Denver

## Registration Form Ethics Conference March 20, 2009 The Children's Hospital, Aurora

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