

## WEBINAR: ETHICS TRAINING SERIES

**IV. The Ethics Committee and Quality Improvement**  
June 26, 2012 ~ 1:30-3:00 p.m. CST

**V. Withholding and Withdrawing Treatment**  
July 12, 2012 ~ 1:30-3:00 p.m. CST

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### Program Description

#### Webinar: Ethics Training Series

As medical science and technology continue to develop, patients, families, and health care providers face increasingly complex ethical decisions. The provision of quality ethical services is critically dependent upon staff who are properly educated and kept abreast of current developments. IHA now offers ethics training for members of ethics committees, as well as physicians, nurses, managers, social workers, and others who need real-world solutions that translate ethical theory into practical approaches which ensure ethical decision-making in the clinical setting. Participants who complete all of the sessions will receive certificates of completion from IHA. This program is jointly sponsored by SIU School of Medicine and IHA.

#### *Speaker:*

**Kelly Armstrong, PhD**, is an assistant professor/clinical ethicist at SIU School of Medicine, Department of Medical Humanities. Armstrong brings a background with interests in ethics education, clinical ethics consultation, assessment measures for ethics consultation, cultural competence in health care, religious and cross-cultural aspects of conventional and complementary and alternative medicine, end-of-life decision-making, and genomic medicine. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a PhD in moral theology and comparative biomedical ethics, and is the author of several papers and CME presentations.

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## ***Program Topics:***

### **IV. The Ethics Committee and Quality Improvement-June 26**

The fourth session will discuss the goals, functions, and methods of highly effective Ethics Committees. Education, structure, and needed supports are discussed in detail. The session will also highlight how the process of improvement in an organization can raise ethical issues and how ethics committees can become integral structures in quality improvement programs.

### **V. Withholding and Withdrawing Treatment-July 12**

The last webinar will review end of life issues, including appropriate use of withholding or withdrawing treatment orders, nutrition, and hydration as treatment, euthanasia, the principle of double effect, and alternatives such as hospice and palliative care. The session will also provide an introduction to the Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) paradigm.

## **Continuing Education:**

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