Mission
The Chicago Transplant Ethics Consortium provides a forum and format for open, interdisciplinary and inter-institutional discussion of social, ethical, and public health policy issues relevant to organ transplantation and living donation. Since June 2003, CTEC has and continues to play an important role in facilitating public deliberation and debate as well as collaboration on projects on transplantation.

About The Chicago Transplant Ethics Consortium (CTEC)
The Chicago Transplant Ethics Consortium is a component of the Comprehensive Transplant Center (CTC) and is under the direction of Dr. Elisa Gordon, who has over two decades of experience in transplant ethics and transplant research.

CTEC is comprised of more than 100 voluntary members from diverse academic, health care, health policy, and non-profit institutions in the United States and abroad. Members include transplant surgeons, physicians, nurses, social workers, and administrators from adult and pediatric transplant programs, social scientists, ethicists, philosophers, as well as organ recipients, living donors, and others. Although the group is hosted by the Comprehensive Transplant Center at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine, members from other academic and non-academic institutions participate actively in weekly meetings.

Members of CTEC have been meeting regularly for topical case review and deliberation in order to better understand and meaningfully respond to ethical issues in organ transplantation and donation on a local, regional, national, and international level. Members express their own opinions that do not necessarily represent those of the institutions with which they are affiliated. Materials for discussion and details of the meetings are disseminated to the membership-at-large by email communications. Members are encouraged to leverage CTEC to brainstorm ideas for collaboration.

Board of Directors:
Michael Abecassis, M.D., MBA Chairman
Elisa Gordon, PhD, MPH, Executive Director
John Friedewald, MD

Discussion Forum:
Discussions typically take place on Tuesdays from 3:00 – 4:00 pm in the Comprehensive Transplant Center at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 676 N. St. Clair, 19th Floor, Room 19-066. Membership is free. Access is unrestricted. Discussion is encouraged.

Services
Dr. Gordon (Professor, Department of Surgery), Chairs the Informed Consent and Disparities Workgroup within NUTORC. The Workgroup focuses on optimizing the informed consent process, reducing disparities in transplant access and outcomes, and ultimately promoting patient-centered care among potential living donors and transplant candidates. Dr. Gordon consults with multidisciplinary researchers conducting intervention and descriptive research on informed consent, health disparities, communication, and education in chronic kidney disease, live kidney and liver donation, and organ transplantation. Dr. Gordon received funding from NIAID, NIDDK, HRSA, VA, DOD, and NINR/NLM to develop culturally targeted educational interventions to optimize the informed consent process for live liver donors, kidney transplant candidates, the public, and a culturally targeted website for Hispanics/Latinos about living kidney donation and transplantation. Dr. Gordon has published over 100 peer-reviewed papers, and presented over 200 papers and posters at professional meetings nationally and internationally.

CTEC takes positions on various issues in response to requests from participating members or outside individuals and organizations.

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