

## Introduction

THIS IS THE THIRD of three volumes that constitute the third edition of *Managing Healthcare Ethically*, which builds on the two previous editions published by Health Administration Press in 2001 and 2010. Like the first two volumes, this one gathers selected columns originally written for American College of Healthcare Executives publications (primarily *Healthcare Executive* magazine), adding some provocative discussion questions and other material useful for teaching purposes. Here, we have collected columns that describe programs and processes that are helpful to executives in navigating through the often-daunting landscape that constitutes healthcare's new reality.

This volume focuses on common, recurring clinical ethics issues. Clinical ethics is a practical discipline that provides health professionals with a structured approach to identifying, analyzing, and resolving ethical issues that arise in clinical practice. These ethical challenges relate to conflicts that occur in the care and management of individual patients and groups of patients in today's healthcare institutions. Traditionally, clinical ethics issues relate to matters of informed consent, confidentiality and privacy, decision-making capacity or competence, decisions involving minors, and end-of-life care. This volume also includes several columns that explore the important role that ethics committees perform in developing and applying policies involving these issues.

## **Instructor Resources**

This book's instructor resources include PowerPoint slides, case studies, and lists of selected ethics center websites and selected ethics journals.

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