

**TASK FORCE UPDATE**

# “GOT ETHICS QUESTIONS? ASK AN ETHICIST.”

The SGIM Ethics Committee

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**T**he Ethics Committee supports the mission of SGIM, in part, by promoting the ethical practice of general internal medicine, addressing ethical issues in clinical practice, research and health policy, and relieving moral distress caused by conflicts about such issues. As such, we are pleased to launch a new initiative that will allow SGIM members to “Ask an Ethicist” about a wide variety of ethical challenges they face in their roles as clinician, researchers, educators, and advocates. We have created a link on our committee page that allows SGIM members to “Ask an Ethicist” (<https://www.sgim.org/communities/other-sgim-committees/ethics>) questions they would like us to consider. Through this link, we hope to provide support to members who either do not have access to an ethics consultant or would prefer not to consult their local ethicist.

We welcome inquiries about clinical, professional, or institutional concerns. Since questions will be handled by volunteers, we are not able to address urgent or emergent questions. Please do not disclose PHI in any messages; we are not using a secure messaging service. We hope that the “Ask-an-Ethicist” service will allow our committee both to help individual members and to learn about the kinds of ethical issues our members and SGIM are confronting.

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