

Our Mission

The mission of Alden March Bioethics Institute (AMBI) of Albany Medical College is to advance the multidisciplinary field of biomedical ethics as it applies to health care and biomedical research. AMBI is committed to the goals of promoting ethical awareness, professionalism and competencies related to bioethics by:

- Offering innovative, outcomes-oriented educational programs for medical students, graduate students and health care professionals
- Contributing to bioethics knowledge through research and scholarship
- Providing a research-based ethics consultation service to staff, patients and their families at Albany Medical Center.

To accomplish its mission and goals, AMBI is committed to collaboration with other institutions and disciplines, regionally and nationally.

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Policy

Healthcare policy analysis and formulation plays a vital role in today's society. Many of the greatest challenges facing our current society hinges on how we will craft policies to provide viable ways of meeting our nations' healthcare needs. In recent years it has become apparent that most healthcare policy issues have a serious ethical component which requires bioethical expertise.

Research

A number of faculty members are engaged in research endeavors and offer students the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge in this area of work. Primary research topics include organ donation and transplantation, health literacy, informed consent, and family support in the intensive care setting.

Clinical

Since its inception as the Center for Medical Ethics more than a decade ago, AMBI has provided clinical ethics consultations at the bedside for patients, caregivers, families, and contributed to a very active institutional ethics committee.

Each year, AMBI's clinical ethicists provide as many as 100 consults at Albany Medical Center, upstate New York's tertiary care academic medical center. They also conduct rounds regularly in intensive and HIV care units, participate in the hospital's transplant committee, as well as in other ethics-related committees.

Education

Albany Medical College has been a national leader among medical schools during the past 10 years in innovative curriculum development. A comprehensive and require medical ethics and humanities course - Health, Care and Society runs concurrently with basic science and clinical rotations throughout all four years of students' training.

The graduate programs of Alden March Bioethics Institute bring together outstanding teachers, innovative researchers, excellent students, the latest teaching technology and an intensive clinical ethics program.

