

## OCEAN STATE ETHICS NETWORK

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To: Members of Ocean State Ethics Network (OSEN):

The session on March 4, 2004, “Negotiating Moral Differences; When Doctors and Nurses Disagree,” was a great success. I want to give special thanks—again, to Cynthia Padula, PhD, RN, CS, Lynn Pasquerella, PhD, and especially Sheri Smith, PhD.

The session ended with the group discussing possible strategies to continue this necessary dialogue.

Possible ideas:

- Stronger involvement of hospital ethics committees. How best to do this?
- Support from hospital administrations can foster an institutional culture that encourages such a dialogue. What are some practical ways to implement this?
- Take these discussions “on the road,” into hospitals, long term care facilities, etc.
- Possible collaborative efforts between Ocean State Ethics Network and local groups/ colleges/professional schools.
- How can we learn from models where interdisciplinary team issues are handled well?
- How do we nurture the moral voice of team members who lack medical authority?

This is just a brief note to thank the speakers, to thank those of you who were able to make it such a lively and informative event, and to invite those persons who couldn't attend to join an ongoing discussion. If appropriate, please share your ideas, thoughts, and cases on the OSEN listserv ([EthicsNetwork@listserv.brown.edu](mailto:EthicsNetwork@listserv.brown.edu)).

Respectfully,

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