

OUR MISSION

What we exist to do

The Department of Bioethics promotes social justice and advances ethics in and of health care practice. Collaborating with practitioners, educators, learners, policy makers, and health organizations, we develop ethics capacity in multiple spheres of health. Challenging questions and issues emerge in these contexts, and, in our scholarship, we explore and enhance understanding of their ethical dimensions.

OUR VISION

What we work toward

We engage with and support people and communities to make good decisions and build fair health systems.

RESEARCH

Goal: Engage in scholarly activities and independent research that advances ethics in multiple spheres of health, building on national and international collaborations.

- Seek out opportunities to publish in leading journals, submit grants and develop research-based collaborations
- Enhance our scholarship of practice via increased capacity and promoting awareness of ethics
- Mentor/collaborate to integrate ethics into health research and strategically foster new national and international collaborations
- Actively identify and pursue sources of funding to support our scholarship

EDUCATION

Goal: Lead in innovative and collaborative capacity building across diverse practice, policy and educational settings.

- Enhance capacity within the Faculty of Medicine for administrative leadership in education, and maintain curriculum development/support for UGME
- Maintain responsiveness with curriculum support for PGME/CPDME
- Increase connections with the Dalhousie and broader community(ies), including integrating professional education and training
- Determine feasibility of a graduate program in health ethics

SERVING & ENGAGING SOCIETY

Goal: Collaborate and partner with health systems, organizations and communities to enhance social justice and health equity through values-based decision-making.

- Enhance and extend the commitment and capability of health organizations to apply an ethics lens to their decision-making
- Provide leadership in developing innovative approaches to ethics support
- Enhance our collaboration arrangements and initiatives
- Promote social accountability throughout the Faculty of Medicine

ORGANIZATIONAL, OPERATIONAL & FISCAL RENEWAL

- Cultivate opportunities to further develop the Department's capacity
- Further develop connections within the Faculty of Medicine and Dalhousie

OUR CORE VALUES – What characterizes our work

Excellence, innovation, life-long learning & evidence-based critical inquiry;
Relationships that are collegial, collaborative, respectful and professional;
Responsiveness to regional, national and international health needs;
Integrity, accountability, transparency and fairness;
Social responsibility, diversity and advocacy