

The Institute of Medical Ethics: working parties and medical groups

Working parties

The institute currently has two working parties, one on the ethics of prolonging life and assisting death and the other on the ethical implications of AIDS. The working party on the ethics of prolonging life and assisting death has produced two discussion papers: Assisted death, *Lancet* 1990; 336: 610-613; and Withdrawal of life support from patients in a persistent vegetative state, *Lancet* 1991; 337: 96-98.

The working party on the ethical implications of AIDS has produced four discussion papers: HIV infection: the ethics of anonymised testing and testing pregnant women, *Journal of medical ethics* 1990; 16: 173-178; AIDS and the ethics of clinical care and treatment, *Quarterly journal of medicine* 1992; 302: 419-426; AIDS, ethics and clinical trials, *British medical journal* 1992; 305: 699-701, and

AIDS and the ethics of medical confidentiality, *Journal of medical ethics* 1992; 18: 173-179.

Each discussion paper was written on behalf of the relevant working party by the institute's Research Director, Kenneth Boyd.

Medical groups

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Medical groups associated with the Institute of Medical Ethics have been established in British university teaching hospitals. Each academic year they arrange programmes of lectures and symposia on issues raised by the practice of medicine which concern other disciplines. Although these programmes are addressed primarily to medical, nursing and other hospital students they are open to all members of the medical, nursing and allied professions. There is no fee for attendance. Lecture lists are available by direct application to the appropriate co-ordinating secretary named above. A stamped addressed A4 envelope would be appreciated.