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Clinical Ethics Stream: Online Seminar

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The Value of Moral Case Deliberation for the varieties of clinical ethics support services.

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Abstract: The focus of this talk will be on Moral Case Deliberation (MCD), an approach to situated ethical analysis that has been developed by the speaker and his colleagues. After a short overview over various types of clinical ethics support services, Bert will discuss the MCD, specifically its characteristics and its distinguished contributions to quality of care, team cooperation, moral competence and the handling of moral distress. For health care organizations and ethics support staff, it is important to not only distinguish these different ethics support approaches and related services but also the underlying viewpoints on, and normative assumptions of, 'doing ethics'. Inspired by pragmatic hermeneutics MCD is a dialogical approach. In *dialogical* ethics support, dialogue is more than being kind and empathetic; it is a theoretical and moral necessity. Finally, Bert will present in which way Amsterdam UMC has integrated various types of clinical ethics support (e.g. explaining how the ethics committee and the MCD facilitators work together).

Speaker: Professor Bert Molewijk (1966; RN not practicing, MA, PhD) is full professor of Clinical Ethics Support and Quality of Care both at the Department of Ethics, Law & Humanities (ERH) at Amsterdam University Medical Centres (A UMC), and the Centre of Medical Ethics, at the University of Oslo, Norway. An ethicist and social scientist his main interest is in a) developing and co-creating innovative ways for embedding integrative ethics support, and b) monitoring and fostering the contribution of ethics support to quality of care, team cooperation, moral competence and psycho-social safety. He is co-founder and has been (2005-2023) coordinator of the European Clinical Ethics Network (ECEN; www.ecennetwork.org) and the Dutch Network for Ethics Support (NEON; 2014-2023). He is currently President of the European Association of Centres for Medical Ethics (www.EACMEweb.com). <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Bert-Molewijk/publications>

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