



Announcing the  
2009  
Neurologist-in-Training Clinical Ethics Elective

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**Are you a neurology resident or fellow interested in ethics?** APPLY NOW for the Neurologist-in-Training Clinical Ethics Elective (NITCEE).

### **Why offer this training?**

Neurologists constantly encounter clinical dilemmas in the course of their work, such as the surrogate decision-making process for patients with aphasia or dementia, emergent stroke treatment using new techniques, evaluation and counseling for genetic disorders, and end-of-life care for neurologically-impaired neonates. A good grounding in clinical ethics can be invaluable to you as you address these challenges. This elective will provide opportunities for you to develop the skills necessary to approach ethical problems during your education and practice, and prepare you to share what you have learned with your peers and patients.

### **What are the details of the elective?**

Training occurs primarily at your home institution. Activities you may pursue include providing ethics education conferences for residents and medical students, participating on the hospital ethics committee, doing ethics consultations, writing an article on an ethics topic, or engaging in a focused ethics research study. You will also be asked to write a review of an ethics text (to be provided). You will select a mentor who will guide you through the elective and help you with the various activities that you have selected to do over the course of the year. A panel of members of the AAN Ethics, Law, and Humanities Committee will supervise your work during the elective.

A special feature of training is the opportunity to attend the Intensive Bioethics Course at the Joseph and Rose Kennedy Institute of Ethics of Georgetown University in Washington, DC. This year the annual course is offered on June 1–5, 2009. Attendance is a requirement of the elective. **The elective sponsors will pay for all course expenses, including travel, meals, and housing.** For course details, call (202) 687-8099, 9am–5pm ET, or visit: <http://kennedyinstitute.georgetown.edu/site/index.htm>.

In addition to the time that you spend at the Intensive Bioethics Course, you will be expected to devote at least three weeks during the 2009–2010 academic year to intramural activities directly related to the elective. These weeks can be scheduled at your convenience. During the academic year you will be asked to provide an update of your progress in the elective. Finally, one of the recipients of this award will have the opportunity to become a member of the Ethics, Law, and Humanities Committee for 1 to 2 years.

## Application Details

### **Eligibility & Requirements**

You may apply if during the 2009–2010 academic year you will be a second- or third-year neurology or child neurology resident or will be in an approved neurology subspecialty fellowship program. You must have the approval of your residency or fellowship director to participate in the elective. You and your selected intramural mentor are required to participate in the application process.

### **Application Process**

The application form is attached or may be downloaded on the AAN website:

<http://www.aan.com/go/about/ethics>.

Completed applications should be emailed to Karen Kasmirski ([Kkasmirski@aan.com](mailto:Kkasmirski@aan.com)) at the AAN.

***The application deadline is January 5, 2009.***

For more information regarding the Elective, you may contact:

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