



- Invitation -

Ethics course: guiding Ethics Case Reflection (ECR) rounds

Part I: 25-28 March, 2025

Part II: 24-26 September, 2025

We invite professionals working with healthcare or ethics support in paediatric cancer care to apply for the ethics course guiding ECR rounds. The applicants do not have to be directly or solely employed at the paediatric cancer centres but the skills they acquire during the course should benefit children affected by cancer.

Expectations on the management teams include to:

- recommend suitable professionals (able to develop ethical and guiding skills)
- support participants to work with ethical dilemmas in the clinical setting
- create space for ethical reflection and ECR rounds in the clinical setting

Expectations on applicants include to:

- read and be well acquainted with the course educational material
- commit to work with ethical dilemmas within the clinical setting; facilitate ECR rounds in the clinic (about 8 rounds/year)

Deadline for applications: Deadline 24 of January 2025. Please complete one registration form/applicant and send the application to: cecilia.bartholdson@ki.se

The official language: English and Swedish (Literature will be in English but reflections will be performed in English and/or Swedish)

Fee: No course fee. Meals are covered. The participants will cover their own travel expenses and accommodation including breakfast. For participants not connected to paediatric cancer centres, a total fee for meals will be added.

Accommodation/Meals: The participants and the faculty will stay at the venue of the course. Single room 1823 SEK/pp/night (excluding tax), meals 1968 SEK for the whole stay.

Venue: Please see the venues webpage for details:

<http://www.bergendal.se/en/>

Organisers/faculty: Cecilia Bartholdson, Anders Castor, Pernilla Pergert & Lisa Törnudd on behalf of the NOPHO/NOBOS Working Group on Ethics in collaboration with Bert Molewijk, Amsterdam University Medical Centre.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you!

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- Short course description -

Ethics course: guiding ethics case reflection (ECR) rounds, part I-II

This course will include the theory of ethics case reflection (ECR) rounds, but it is first and foremost a skill course. We will focus on learning by doing. During the course the participants will learn how to handle ethical dilemmas and will practice guiding ECR rounds.

ECR rounds

An ECR round is a meeting where the interprofessional team reflects on one ethical dilemma that they experience in a clinical case. Structured ECR rounds enable healthcare professionals to deal with ethical dilemmas more constructively and methodologically. Research has shown that ECR rounds can improve the handling of difficult cases, increase professionals' ethical competence, and improve cooperation in the interprofessional team.

The ethics course offers

- Basic knowledge of ECR rounds and a conversation method
- Sufficient experience to independently guide ECR rounds in a structured manner
- Opportunity to recognize and further develop your own style of guiding ECR rounds

Topics include: what a good case is, what an ethical dilemma is, values and norms, emotions why and how to write notes, how to implement ECR rounds, follow up of ECR rounds, etc.

Teaching methods: exercises, lectures, and small workshops\subgroups etc.

Intended learning outcomes after completion of the course, the participants should be able to:

- structure the reflection and focus on the ethical dilemma of the case
- foster a sincere and constructive dialogue, support shared reasoning, and avoid giving substantial advice
- guide the group in planning actions in order to improve the quality of care

Trainers and participants make the course together. We share experience, expertise and competence and reflect on the ECR round process together. We hope that this course will provide new knowledge of giving ethics support that will benefit not only the participants but also the children and families and the clinical organization.

The upcoming course will be the fourth cohort and all paediatric oncology centres in Sweden now have a team of facilitators who can offer and facilitate ECR rounds in the interprofessional team when ethical dilemmas occur in healthcare. We are delighted to share some quotes from the written evaluation of previous facilitator-trainees:

What did you learn the most from?

- "From the combination of lecturers and practice in sub-groups"
- "From practicing and comments from the trainers"

What can be improved?

- "Make the course one more day"
- "One more meeting, please"

Overall comments

- "I would love to come for part III (If there will be any), and that more facilitators are trained so that we can become a larger group"
- "The opportunities have also enriched me in my personal maturity"



- Application form -
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Applicant

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Profession: _____

Hospital/Cancer Centre: _____

Allergies/dietary requirements: _____

Accommodation: Single Share with _____

Arrival on: Tuesday 25/3 evening Wednesday 26/3 morning

By completing this registration form I assert my commitment to fulfil the course and the expectations on applicants (described above).

Date and Signature: _____

Approval from the management at the paediatric cancer centre/paediatric unit

I recommend the above applicant as a participant in the ethics course in guiding ECR rounds, I assert my commitment to fulfil the expectations as declared above, and I guarantee that the applicant will be provided with means to fulfil the course commitments.

Hospital: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date and Signature: _____

Invoice address*: _____

*The accommodation will be booked for you, **BUT in case of cancellation you need to cancel your stay by your self.** Please note the cancellation policy for the room at Bergendal. In the case of late cancellation, you will be responsible for any fees that might occur.*

** If the invoice address is not provided, you will need to pay the hotel cost at the venue*