

# ETHICS COURSE AGENDA

## SUNDAY

### Morning session 1: 8:00 – 10:15 am

Complete *Ethics Pre-test*. Introduction to ethics; Distinguishing ethics from law; Possible repercussions of unethical conduct.

### Morning break: 10:15 – 10:30 am

### Morning session 2: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Actions by peer review bodies for ethics violations; Boundary violation behaviors; Boundary violation consequences; Boundary violation risk factors and triggers.

### Afternoon session 1: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Boundary violation prevention; Unprofessional comments to patients or their families; Improper disclosure of confidential patient information; Attempting care beyond the level of competence; Informal experimentation; Gatekeeper roles and managed care.

### Afternoon break: 3:30 – 3:45 pm

### Afternoon session 2: 3:45 – 5:00 pm

Excessive patient load; Properly terminating care of a patient; Supervision; Delegation of responsibilities and unlicensed practice. Ethics of collaborative treatment; Defensive medicine; Agreeing to inappropriate demands by patient or family.

### Afternoon break 2: 5:00 – 5:15 pm

### Afternoon session 3: 5:15 – 6:15 pm

One hour ethics discussion using hypothetical case situations. Complete *Enduring Materials* Post-test.

### Adjourn: 6:15 pm

## MONDAY

### Morning session 1: 8:00 – 10:15 am

Life-sustaining measures; Fraudulent misrepresentations to patients; Insurance fraud; Miscoding, over-billing and Medicare fraud; Making false documents.

### Morning break: 10:15 – 10:30 am

### Morning session 2: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Referral fees; Other forms of dishonesty; Pharmaceutical and device manufacturer interactions; Defamation; False advertising or misrepresenting professional qualifications.

### Afternoon session 1: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Solicitation of patients; Physical and mental impairment of the clinician; Temporary impairments; Substance use disorder in clinicians; Prescribing for self, family, or friends.

### Afternoon break: 3:30 – 3:45 pm

### Afternoon session 2: 3:45 – 5:00 pm

Reporting clinicians for substance use disorder; Improper prescribing or incompetence; Medical staff peer review abuse of authority; Disruptive clinicians in hospitals or group practices. Effects on clinicians and their practices due to substance use disorder; Identifying and minimizing clinician bias.

### Afternoon break 2: 5:00 – 5:15 pm

### Afternoon session 3: 5:15 – 6:15 pm

One hour ethics discussion using hypothetical case situations. Complete *Ethics Post-test*.

### Adjourn: 6:15 pm

Question and answer periods are included in each session. Actual duration of each lecture topic is variable, and may extend beyond allotted time period.