



Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the ANA Center for Ethics and Human Rights

The Center has been a leader in health care ethics, nursing ethics, bioethics and human rights for 30 years. In collaboration with constituents, the Center has tirelessly provided ethical guidance, both theoretical and practical, at the state, national and international level. At the core of its mission, the Code of Ethics for Nurses drives the Center's responsiveness to the nursing profession and addresses the fundamental duty to improve the quality of care for all persons, patients, families, communities and populations.

- 1990** ANA established the Center in 1990 to help nurses obtain a better understanding of ethical issues in practice in a rapidly changing landscape.
- 1994** Published new ANA position for nurses regarding ethics and assisted suicide.
- 1995** Completed National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant "Managing Genetic Information."
- 2001** Revised Code of Ethics to include nurses' moral duty to self-respect, ethical decision-making.
- 2005** Elevated nurses' ethical obligations during disasters, pandemics and extreme emergencies following September 11, 2001 and Hurricane Katrina (2005).
- 2008** Published updated genetic and genomic core competencies and curricula guidelines.
- 2011** Provided ethical guidance for nurses caring for pregnant women with substance use disorder.
- 2013** Advocated at national level for Navy nurse who refused to force-feed Guantanamo Bay detainees.
- 2014** Provided ethical guidance to nurses during Ebola crisis.
- 2015** Year of Ethics -- Revised Code to extend nurses' obligations to populations and activism in social justice.
- 2016** Opposed capital punishment.
- 2017** Received American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Cornerstone Award.
- 2020** 30th anniversary of the ANA Center for Ethics and Human Rights.

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