The Canadian Critical Care Society
La Societe Canadienne de Soins Intensifs

CLINICAL & ETHICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Purpose:
This committee will advise the CCCS Board of Directors on issues related to clinical and ethical issues, in particular those that do not fall within the mandate of other standing committees.

Functions:

- Monitor, review and provide recommendations regarding the following:
  1) clinical issues relevant to members.
  2) ethical issues relevant to members.
  3) physician manpower and reimbursement issues relevant to members.
  4) managing potential conflict of interest between the Society and its partners, funding sources and other parties
- Represent the general membership, including issues of interest to regional and specialty interests

Accountability:
The Clinical and Ethical Issues Committee is a sub-committee of the CCCS Board of Directors.. The Chair of the Committee reports the activities and recommendations of the Committee to the CCCS Board of Directors at the board meetings.

Membership:

- Members to be recruited by an open letter to the membership of the Society.
- Including the Chair, the committee should have a maximum of 5 members. The make-up of the membership will try to reflect the national nature of Critical Care specialist in Canada.
- A term of three years is required. Re-appointment is at the discretion of the CCCS Board of Directors and there is no maximum number of re-appointments.
- The Chair of the Committee will be appointed from and by the CCCS Board of Directors.

Voting:

In general consensus will be sought. If required, voting may occur. The majority will carry the vote. In case of a tie, the Chair will break the tie.

Meetings:
Communication between committee members will occur electronically, by teleconference or in person on an as needed basis, to review specific projects. Minutes of the meetings will be provided by the Chair and reviewed by the CCCS Board of Directors. Quorum will be 50%.