Medical Ethics Subcommittee

Dual Loyalties of Medical Providers

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Overview

- Membership
- Tasking
- Meetings
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Medical Ethics Subcommittee

- Col (Ret) Robert Certain, Ph.D.
- Suzanne Collins, Ph.D., J.D., M.P.H., B.S.N.
- Gen (Ret) Richard Myers
- Adil Shamoo, Ph.D., Chair
Tasking

- How can military medical professionals most appropriately balance their obligations to their patients against their obligations as military officers to help commanders maintain military readiness?

- How much latitude should military medical professionals be given to refuse participation in medical procedures or request excusal from military operations with which they have ethical reservations or disagreement?

- Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum dated January 20, 2013
Meetings

August 20, 2013
- In-Person meeting in Annapolis, MD in conjunction with August DHB meeting
  - Reviewed progress from 2010 meetings
  - Reviewed concept map
  - Discussed tasking and way forward

November 7, 2013
- In-person meeting
  - Held roundtable discussions with subject matter experts
  - Discussed way forward
Areas of Interest

- Current ethics training in the military
  - Ethics within medical education
  - Accession
  - Professional military education
- Experiences of health care providers
- Available evidence regarding ethical conflicts
Way Forward

- December 2013
  - Teleconference
- Potential site visits
  - Meet with health care providers
- Obtain information from Uniformed Services University regarding ethics education and training
Questions?