

Center for Bioethics Current Issues in Research Practice (CIRE) Conference

Privacy and Confidentiality & Conflicts of Interest: Keeping Pace with Research Practice

May 30, 2003
8:00am - 5:00pm

The Columbia University Center for Bioethics sponsored a day-long educational program that included keynote and panel presentations on compelling issues in privacy and confidentiality, and conflicts of interest. Two of the nation's foremost Bioethicists presented stimulating lectures. Nancy Dubler, LLB, Director of Bioethics at Montefiore Medical Center, presented the keynote address on the *Importance of and Evolving Challenges with Privacy and Maintaining Confidentiality in Research*. Thomas Murray, PhD, President of The Hastings Center, presented the afternoon keynote address on *Conflicts of Interest and Interesting Conflicts for Researchers, IRBs, and Institutions*. Following the keynote address and six panel presentations, valuable workshops were held on: HIPAA regulations; genetic privacy; certificates of confidentiality; Internet research; vulnerable populations; third party consent; database and computer registries; the impact of sponsors and marketing; and conflicts of interest involving researchers, private practice physicians, IRB members, and institutions. More than 150 investigators, IRB members, research administrators, and others attended the Conference, which was supported by the NIH, and co-sponsored with the Mailman School of Public Health and the Columbia School of Nursing.