



The *EthicsLab Essentials* provides a core curriculum designed to enrich ethics committee members through a podcast and website format. A podcast format was chosen due to its easy accessibility and learning schedule flexibility for the listener.

### **Episode: Practical Tools Helping Ethics Committees**

#### **Description:**

Health care ethics committees help patients and clinicians with tough choice decisions. Within this work of clinical ethics consultation, what are practical tools being used to improve their competence and impact? In this episode, our guests present such practical tools that help health care ethics committee members become more competent, become more aware of gaps and trends, and have more impact on improving the care and health experience of patients.

#### **Process:**

Have your ethics team members listen to this podcast prior to your regular ethics committee meeting. Then, at your meeting facilitate a discussion and application of the episode around the following questions.

#### **Facilitation Questions:**

1. Two of the tools suggested in this episode speak of tracking/capturing the work of the ethics team. How do you do that work now and how could it be improved?
2. Two of the tools suggested in this episode focus on online education. What strategy might your ethics team design and implement to improve the ethics competencies of your members in a “one year” time frame?
3. What is the first practical and accountable step your committee could make to integrate one of the tools into your ethics work?