

SPR 2019-2020 Ethics Committee Slate of Candidates

Name: Dr. Larry Binkovitz
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

I would like to serve the SPR by volunteering for the Ethics Committee. I have written about and lectured on the ethical challenges of pediatric radiology outreach for the last three years at SPR and Rad-Aid as well as at visiting professorships. My interest in this topic originated from my own outreach work in Central America and in Minnesota and the personal ethical challenges such work may create. I would like to help others become more aware of, and work through, the ethical challenges they may face in their home practices as well while doing outreach work.

Name: Dr. Stephen Brown
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

Primary area of expertise. Associate Clinical Ethicist at Boston Children's Hospital (15 years), active in clinical consultations, policy development, educational programming; Faculty member in Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics - faculty for medical student ethics curriculum and Capstone Seminar Leader in Bioethics Master's Program (beginning 2019); Former Chair of the RSNA Professionalism Committee; Past or current member of numerous SPR committees, including Fetal, Child Abuse and Judiciary, most recently advisor for SPR Professionalism Committee. Currently Director of the Boston Children's Institute for Professionalism and Ethical Practice, directing programming to help clinicians navigate difficult conversations across various clinical domains.

Name: Dr. Michael Callahan
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

A few years ago, I became involved in a program at my institution called the Program to Enhance Relational and Communication Skills (PERCS). A radiology PERCS course was championed by a colleague of mine (Steve Brown). Steve asked me to be involved in the course from the start, which was designed to improve communication skills in pediatric radiology fellows and residents. This PERC course had a strong focus on ethics. I had the good fortune of being a speaker and a participant in more than a dozen of these PERCS courses, which provided me with a strong appreciation for the role of ethics in pediatric medical imaging. The importance of ethical practices for pediatric radiology are outlined in our updated bylaws. I believe the Ethics Committee will play a vital role in our society, and I would very much like to be involved in this newly revamped committee from the start.

Name: Dr. Michael Furman
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Rhode Island Medical Imaging, Providence, Rhode Island

I am finishing my pediatric radiology fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital. I am beginning an attending position with Rhode Island Medical Imaging, associated with Alpert Medical School of Brown University, in July 2019. My primary clinical interest is in abdominal imaging. This interest has been fostered by my relationship with my mentor in fellowship, Dr. Michael Callahan. As a former chief resident, and current chief fellow, I have developed a strong interest in medical education, as well.

Name: Dr. Ryan Kelsch
Member Type: Member-in-Training
Institution: Beaumont Health, Oxford, Michigan

As a medical resident I think it is important to be involved in a radiology specialty society early on. I am considering pediatric radiology as a fellowship and I think that experience within SPR may solidify this aspiration. I am currently involved in research regarding fetal MRI neuro-imaging and I think my experience may lend itself well to the committee. I may also learn much from that role. I also have an interest in medical ethics, and although still in training, my perspective may be helpful. I wish to serve on only one committee if chosen.

Name: Dr. Karyn Ledbetter
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan

In my hybrid community-academic practice, I interpret all pediatric studies with emphasis on neonatal imaging, obstetric ultrasound and fetal MRI. I am also the director of medical student education and deal with issues of professionalism and ethics regularly. Finally, I am actively involved in international radiology outreach and would love to join such a committee if it exists.

I believe it is important that SPR committees be comprised of members from diverse practice settings to reflect the current workforce. While the committees I have selected are my top interest, I would be happy to join others as availability permits.

Name: Dr. Erika Pace
Member Type: Corresponding Member
Institution: The Royal Marsden, London, England

I am a member of the Oncology Committee (my expertise area). However, I have ever been keen on teaching/education, bioethics, trauma, acute abdomen and surgery so that I tailored my professional pathway accordingly. Therefore, I am happy to serve also in other committees according to the SPR's needs. I work in the UK where the clinical and academic environments are different from the US. Therefore, collaborating with worldwide senior experts in the aforementioned domains would represent an invaluable opportunity to change and improve the mentality in the paediatric radiology community in my country thanks to my creativity, resilience, networking skills. I also attended a 5-week summer school in Manhattan in 2015, organized by the Global Bioethics Initiative in collaboration with the United Nations.

Name: Dr. Dan Podberesky
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, Florida

I am honored and grateful to have been nominated by a colleague for a position on the SPR Ethics Committee. While I have no specific prior experience or training in medical ethics, my commitment to the Principles of Ethics as delineated in the SPR By-Laws is fervent. Many of my personal core values are spelled out in these principles, and I look forward to the potential opportunity to contribute to the important work of this Committee on behalf of the SPR Board of Directors.

Name: Dr. Eva Rubio
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Children's National Medical Center

I am interested in contributing to the growth of the society as a member of the Ethics Committee. I enjoy discussions examining issues around conduct, value differences and emerging uncertainties in our complex healthcare environment. I envision a consultation and support role for the committee serving individuals as well as the society as a whole. As a leader in peer review at my institution for many years, I have had the opportunity to engage in related discussions; I hope experience with the Ethics Committee would also ultimately enhance my contributions to my department. Thank you for considering my application.

Name: Dr. Daniel Schwartz
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Tufts Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts

For a long time, I have been interested in the ethics of medicine, particularly regarding the use of radiology in children. I have been on the SPR Child Abuse Committee for many years, which often raises many ethical questions, and I was recently appointed to the SPR Professionalism Committee. During pediatric residency, I served on the Pediatric Ethics Committee, and I was a member of the Medical Risk Committee at Lurie Children's Hospital (then Children's Memorial Hospital) from 2007-2008. I am currently on the Radiation Committee of Tufts Medical Center, as a representative from pediatric radiology. Much of my interest has been focused on the care of children and the proper use of imaging in the pediatric population.

Name: Dr. Shaikh Sikandar
Member Type: Corresponding Member
Institution: Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad, India

I am Consultant PET-CT & Radiology. I am Ethics Committee member at Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, India. I am member of various societies RSNA, ESR, ESOI, ESHI, ISMRM, ISPR, IRIA, MSS, ESMRMB, ISVIR, SOII, BISI, etc. with presentations in all these societies. I am also reviewer of AJR, Radiology, Radiographics, Radiology Cardiothoracic Imaging, European Journal of Radiology, British Journal of Radiology, JMRI, IJRI. I am awarded as best upcoming Radiologist award in 2018 in India. I have written chapters in various textbooks. I am appointed as First Indian Ambassador of European Society of Hybrid, Molecular and Transitional Imaging 2019-21. Recently also appointed as the Educational Committee Member of World Molecular Imaging Society.

Name: Dr. Ray Sze
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

I have become extremely interested in ethical practice since starting a small Artificial Intelligence research lab and becoming increasingly concerned by the multiple complex and critical issues concerning privacy, data ownership and usage, academic-industry partnerships, access equality (or inequality), bias in data sets and resultant bias in algorithms, and deliberate attempts to compromise AI systems through adversarial attacks. I believe the SPR should lead the development and dissemination of guidelines specific to the research and clinical adoption of AI systems in Pediatric Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology practice.

Name: Dr. Paul Thacker
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

During my career, I have had the fortune to serve on the IRB, institutional ethics committee, and have been lucky to publish on bioethical issues. I also served as a faculty member for the bioethics course for our medical school students. I would be happy to serve on this important committee.

Name: Dr. Sjirk Westra
Member Type: Active Member
Institution: Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

I have contributed several opinion articles to the literature regarding the ethics of addressing the potential overutilization of CT and the communication of the CT radiation risk to pediatric caregivers. I have researched the ethical ramifications of addressing Society members who as child abuse denialists are undermining the credibility of our society through biased expert testimonies in court. I would like to help develop mechanisms to effectively curtail the activities of these individuals, including involuntary termination of SPR membership, while carefully balancing the principle of free speech with the interests of protecting the scientific and ethical integrity of our Society.