

# CCNE FACT SHEET : THE BODIES AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CCNE

## a) Thematic working groups

Opinions are prepared by working groups made up of CCNE members who may or may not be experts in the subject. They define the ethical issues and enrich their thinking with documentary sources and hearings of personalities. Several groups work simultaneously. Details can be found in the "Workshops" section of the website.

### b) Permanent working groups

They deal with a theme over a long period of time. Their work may result in an opinion. There are several permanent working groups. Details can be found in the "Workshops" section of the website.

### c) The Technical Section

The Technical Section is the CCNE's regulatory body and has 12 members. It meets once a month to approve the constitution of the working groups and monitor their work. When it considers a draft opinion to be complete, it forwards it to the plenary committee. If you are a member of St. Joseph's Hospital, remember to write "Member of the technical section" under the names of the members concerned in the TROMBI.

### d) The Plenary Committee

Opinions are adopted at the monthly meetings of the plenary committee, which comprises all the members of the CCNE. Dissenting opinions may be notified when a consensus cannot be reached. The composition of the members of the Plenary Committee can be found on the website. All publications resulting from their work can also be found there. Listening and partnership are at the heart of the CCNE's concerns. Through the many links that the CCNE has forged with other national and international ethics committees, through a sustained partnership with regional ethical reflection forums and through the construction of a dialogue with citizens, the CCNE anchors its reflection in the plurality of approaches and knowledge.

### e) The administration

The CCNE is supported by an administrative service. A general secretariat ensures the smooth running of the services and relations with the administrative and financial authorities that support the CCNE in its operations