



COMITÉ CONSULTATIF NATIONAL D'ÉTHIQUE
POUR LES SCIENCES DE LA VIE ET DE LA SANTÉ

CCNE FACT SHEET « HOW THE CCNE WORKS »

The richness of the CCNE's reflection lies in the diversity of skills and independence of its members. The CCNE has 39 members, all of whom are volunteers. The President is appointed by the President of the Republic. Five members belong to the main philosophical and spiritual families or to the intellectual and social world. Nineteen others are chosen for their skills and their interest in ethical issues. Fifteen members are from the medical or research sector and come from several disciplines ranging from life sciences to social sciences. The principle of parity is applied. These personalities are independent of the authorities that appointed them and speak in their own name. The High Authority for the Transparency of Public Life ensures that there are no conflicts of interest.

Referral and self-referral

The President of the Republic, the Presidents of the Assemblies, ministers, a public or higher education establishment or a foundation recognised as being of public interest in the field of research, technology or health may refer a question to the CCNE. It may also decide to take up an issue. The subjects may be inspired by requests from the public or come from regional ethical reflection forums.

The CCNE chooses to respond by issuing opinions, notes, reports, bulletins, etc.

When a subject is referred to it, or decides to take it up, it is first dealt with by a working group. Their draft opinion is submitted for discussion in the technical section, then in the plenary committee, which will adopt it in fine.

