



American Society for Reproductive Medicine

Ethics Committee Charter

Committee Purpose

The mission of the Ethics Committee is to consider and provide input, to the ASRM Board of Directors, regarding ethical issues that are relevant and important to reproductive health and medicine, the community of patients and reproductive health professionals as a whole.

Committee Structure

The Ethics Committee is comprised of a Chair and twelve members, including, the liaison representative of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a fellowship designated member-at-large, a patient/community representative, and a representative of the ASRM Executive Committee. Committee members are selected based on their interest and expertise in reproductive bioethics. The committee composition will be diverse and representative of the ASRM membership. The Committee utilizes the expertise of external individuals as committee members or consultants when necessary. The fellow member-at-large position will serve one-year terms renewable while in fellowship. The patient/community representative will serve one-year terms renewable at the discretion of ASRM leadership, for a maximum of three years. The appointment terms of the chair and remaining committee members shall be three years, with one third expiring annually.

The ASRM Chief Executive Officer and the ASRM Chief Government Affairs and Policy Officer serve *ex officio* on the Ethics Committee.

Committee Functions

- Identifies ethical issues that are relevant and important to reproductive medicine.
- Creates strategies to recognize a consensus concerning ethical issues in reproductive medicine.
- Fosters interactions with other organizations that share ethical concerns in areas related to reproductive medicine.
- Establishes policy recommendations on ethical issues impacting professional practice in and around the area of reproductive medicine.
- Promotes a culture of thoughtful ethical practice within ASRM and the medical community.
- Organizes the Ken Ryan Ethics Symposium on Reproductive Ethics for the ASRM Annual Meeting.

Meeting Cadence

The Ethics Committee meets for a day and a half, twice annually, February and August, via virtual and/or in-person format.

Committee Reporting

The biannual Committee report is disseminated to the Board of Directors each Fall and Spring during the Board of Directors meeting.