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Table 1: Detailed PubMed Search Strategy

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| PubMed | (((“Ethics, Clinical"[Mesh] OR "Clinical Decision-Making/ethics"[Mesh]  OR "Decision Making/ethics"[Mesh] OR "Evidence-Based Medicine/ethics"[Mesh] OR Physicians/ethics “Ethics, Medical"[Mesh] OR “Ethics, Clinical"[Mesh] OR "Clinical Decision-Making/ethics"[Mesh]) AND("Ethics Consultation"[Mesh] OR "Ethical Review"[Mesh] OR "Ethics Committees"[Mesh] OR “Ethicists"[Mesh] OR "Referral and Consultation/ethics"[Mesh]) )OR  ((clinical ethic\*[tiab] OR medical ethic\*[tiab] OR medicine ethic\*[tiab]) AND (consult\*[tiab] OR Committee\*[tiab] OR review\*[tiab])) OR ((ethics consult\*[tiab] OR ethical consult\*[tiab]) AND (clinical[tiab] OR medical[tiab] OR medicine[tiab]))) |

Table 2: List of Included Articles

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| No. | Title of Article | Authors | Year |
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| 2 | Development of a Clinical Ethics Committee De Novo at a Small Community Hospital by Addressing Needs and Potential Barriers | Arzuaga, Bonnie H | 2017 |
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| 7 | Assessing clinical ethics consultation: processes and outcomes | Batten, Jason | 2013 |
| 8 | The Next Step for Quality Attestation | Bayley, Carol | 2013 |
| 9 | Ethics committee networks: Facing the future | Beltran, Joseph E | 1995 |
| 10 | Searching for effectiveness: the functioning of Connecticut Clinical Ethics Committees | Berchelmann, Kathleen Blechner, Barbara | 2002 |
| 11 | Quality assessment of the ethics consultation service at the organizational level: accrediting ethics consultation services | Berkowitz, Kenneth A Katz, Aviva L Powderly, Kathleen E Spike, Jeffrey P | 2016 |
| 12 | Not There Yet: Evaluating Clinical Ethics Consultation in an Accountability Culture | Bruce, Courtenay R Bibler, Trevor M | 2016 |
| 13 | “Systematizing” ethics consultation services | Bruce, Courtenay R Eves, Margot M Allen, Nathan G Smith, Martin L Peña, Adam M Cheney, John R Majumder, Mary A | 2015 |
| 14 | An embedded model for ethics consultation: Characteristics, outcomes, and challenges | Bruce, Courtenay R Peña, Adam Kusin, Betsy B Allen, Nathan G Smith, Martin L Majumder, Mary A | 2014 |
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| 16 | Evaluating ethics consultation: randomised controlled trial is not the right tool | Chen, Yen-Yuan Chen, Yen-Chang | 2008 |
| 17 | To evaluate the effectiveness of health care ethics consultation based on the goals of health care ethics consultation: a prospective cohort study with randomization | Chen, Yen-Yuan Chu, Tzong-Shinn Kao, Yu-Hui Tsai, Pi-Ru Huang, Tien-Shang Ko, Wen-Je | 2014 |
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| 20 | The art of the chart note in clinical ethics consultation and bioethics mediation: conveying information that can be understood and evaluated | Dubler, Nancy Neveloff | 2013 |
| 21 | Charting the future: Credentialing, privileging, quality, and evaluation in clinical ethics consultation | Dubler, Nancy Neveloff Webber, Mayris P Swiderski, Deborah M Faculty the National Working Group for the Clinical Ethics Credentialing Project | 2009 |
| 22 | A national survey of US internists’ experiences with ethical dilemmas and ethics consultation | DuVal, Gordon Clarridge, Brian Gensler, Gary Danis, Marion | 2004 |
| 23 | The main indicators for Iranian hospital ethical accreditation | Enjoo, Seyed Ali Amini, Mitra Tabei, Seyed Ziaadin Mahbudi, Ali Kavosi, Zahra Saber, Mahboobeh | 2015 |
| 24 | The “Quality Attestation” Process and the Risk of the False Positive | Fiester, Autumn | 2014 |
| 25 | Discovering what matters: interrogating clinician responses to ethics consultation | Finder, Stuart G Bartlett, Virginia L | 2017 |
| 26 | A pilot evaluation of portfolios for quality attestation of clinical ethics consultants | Fins, Joseph J Kodish, Eric Cohn, Felicia Danis, Marion Derse, Arthur R Dubler, Nancy Neveloff Goulden, Barbara Kuczewski, Mark Mercer, Mary Beth Pearlman, Robert A | 2016 |
| 27 | Developing and testing a checklist to enhance quality in ethics consultation | Flicker, Lauren Sydney Rose, Susannah L Eves, Margot M Flamm, Anne Lederman Sanghani, Ruchi Smith, Martin L | 2014 |
| 28 | Evaluation of case consultations in clinical ethics committees | Førde, Reidun Pedersen, Reidar | 2012 |
| 29 | Clinicians’ evaluation of clinical ethics consultations in Norway: a qualitative study | Førde, Reidun Pedersen, Reidar Akre, Victoria | 2008 |
| 30 | The Road to Certification for Clinical Ethics Consultants: Finding Our Bearings | Fox, Ellen | 2016 |
| 31 | Residents’ access to ethics consultations: knowledge, use, and perceptions | Gacki-Smith, Jessica Gordon, Elisa J | 2005 |
| 32 | The development of a clinical policy ethics assessment tool | Garcia-Capilla, Diego José Rubio-Navarro, Alfonso Torralba-Madrid, Maria José Rutty, Jane | 2019 |
| 33 | Barriers and facilitators to consulting hospital clinical ethics committees | Gaudine, Alice Lamb, Marianne LeFort, Sandra M Thorne, Linda | 2011 |
| 34 | Evolution of hospital clinical ethics committees in Canada | Gaudine, Alice Thorne, Linda LeFort, Sandra M Lamb, Marianne | 2010 |
| 35 | The CASES Approach to Ethics Consultation: The Centrality of the Ethics Question | Geppert, Cynthia Chanko, Barbara L | 2016 |
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| 37 | A better way to evaluate clinical ethics consultations? An ecological approach | Gordon, Elisa J | 2007 |
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| 48 | Evaluating clinical ethics support: a participatory approach | Metselaar, Suzanne Widdershoven, Guy Porz, Rouven Molewijk, Bert | 2017 |
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| 50 | Pediatricians' experience with clinical ethics consultation: a national survey | Morrison, Wynne Womer, James Nathanson, Pamela Kersun, Leslie Hester, D Micah Walsh, Corbett Feudtner, Chris | 2015 |
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| 52 | Reinvigorating ethics consultations: an impetus from the “quality” debate | Nilson, Elizabeth GFins, Joseph J | 2006 |
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| 54 | Evaluation of an ethics consultation service: patient and family perspective | Orr, Robert D Morton, Kelly R deLeon, Dennis M Fals, Juan C | 1996 |
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| 103 | Outcomes of clinical ethics support near the end of life: A systematic review. | Haltaufderheide J, Nadolny S, Gysels M et al. | 2019 |
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