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Proposed title of paper: Ethics support in the Netherlands: state of the art and issues for strategy

Abstract with 3 clearly stated objectives in 250 words:

Objectives: Those attending this presentation will gain insight in:

- The current Dutch state of art regarding the clinical ethics support services that is (not) used
- View of institutional board members on strategies in order to foster future ethics support services nationwide

Introduction: The Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports funded a 4-year PhD project in order to study nationwide all ethics support activities. The purpose of this paper is to show quantitative and qualitative data presenting the view of board members of Dutch healthcare institutions regarding the availability of ethics support as well as the strategies which can be used to foster ethics support.

Methods: 1) a postal survey with closed and open questions to all Dutch board members Response rate 56%), 2) focus groups with board members, 3) a digital survey with closed and open questions for those who are involved in the local clinical ethics support.

Results: 86% out of 638 Dutch healthcare institutions have some kind of ethics support: formal or informal. 56% of these have a combination of two or more of these forms. 57% of the institutions have a

clinical ethics committee, 23 % have moral deliberation and 6% have an ethical consultant. More detailed and sometimes unexpected results will get presented.

Discussion: Meaning and consequences of presented results will get discussed. Furthermore, strategies relevant for choosing an appropriate kind of ethics support will get expounded.

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