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Abstract with 3 clearly stated objectives in 250 words:

In 2001, the Hahnemann University Hospital Ethics Committee created a credentialing process for its ethics consult team members. This method continues to be used and has achieved its goals of improved quality of ethics consultants and enabling all consultants to document in the chart. Due to the diverse, multidisciplinary nature of the committee, the credentialing method was developed without assuming any specific professional training. Rather, it is adaptable to the individuals at hand, be they philosophers, theologians, physicians, nurses, social workers, occupational therapists, or dieticians. It is based on a combination of basic knowledge, experience, good judgment and interpersonal skills, and official recognition. Consideration of why and how the committee created its credentialing process is helpful to other entities considering the creation of a credentialing or other method to improve the quality of its ethics consults. The method itself may not meet the needs of every institution. However, examining the successes and failures of this method within the context in which it is practiced provides a reference for future credentialing attempts.

With this in mind, this paper will achieve the following goals and objectives:

1. Present a method for credentialing ethics consultants that has been successfully practiced for nine years in a large, urban, tertiary care hospital.
2. Encourage discussion of the benefits and problems with such a method.
3. Through discussion, consider to what extent this method could be a model for ethics consultant credentialing elsewhere.

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