



American Academy of Medical Ethics Fact Sheet

Overview

The American Academy of Medical Ethics (AAME) is a DBA of the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA). Founded in 2003, the AAME is CMDA's 501c4 serving as the association's advocacy arm operating at the state level. The AAME subscribes to the traditional values of the Hippocratic Oath and serves as an ethical voice to speak to the government, media, church, and public on bioethical issues facing the healthcare profession. Advocacy efforts are conducted with the help of volunteer AAME State Directors who engage CMDA members in their state about upcoming or current bills that will impact healthcare. The AAME and its various participants are critical to advancing policies to support human flourishing in our nation.

AAME Mission

The mission of the American Academy of Medical Ethics is to promote, equip and encourage healthcare professionals to engage in advocacy nationwide as part of their commitment to the essence of Hippocratic medicine in a culture that is rapidly moving away from this longstanding foundation of Western healthcare.

AAME Vision

We foresee the standard of healthcare in North America being once again defined by the Hippocratic tradition. (Read more on those Hippocratic values at ethicalhealthcare.org.)

Priority Advocacy Issues

- Abortion
- Assisted suicide
- Conscience protections
- Gender transition in minors/gender-affirming therapies
- Opioid addiction

Vehicles Through Which the AAME Advocates

- AAME State Directors (in the 50 states, typically two directors per state)
- CMDA members
- Contacting state legislators
- Providing testimony at state legislative hearings
- Developing relationships with state legislators, coalitions and public policy partners working toward the same ends
- Engage the media and public by writing letters to the editor, op-eds or doing interviews

To learn more about the American Academy of Medical Ethics, visit ethicalhealthcare.org. Email advocacy@cnda.org to learn how you can be involved in AAME's advocacy efforts.