Our Mission

The mission of Alden March Bioethics Institute (AMBI) of Albany Medical College is to advance the multidisciplinary field of biomedical ethics as it applies to health care and biomedical research. AMBI is committed to the goals of promoting ethical awareness, professionalism and competencies related to bioethics by:

- Offering innovative, outcomes-oriented educational programs for medical students, graduate students and health care professionals
- Contributing to bioethics knowledge through research and scholarship
- Providing a research-based ethics consultation service to staff, patients and their families at Albany Medical Center.

To accomplish its mission and goals, AMBI is committed to collaboration with other institutions and disciplines, regionally and nationally.
Clinical
Since its inception as the Center for Medical Ethics more than a decade ago, AMBI has provided clinical ethics consultations at the bedside for patients, caregivers, families, and contributed to a very active institutional ethics committee.

Each year, AMBI’s clinical ethicists provide as many as 100 consults at Albany Medical Center, upstate New York’s tertiary care academic medical center. They also conduct rounds regularly in intensive and HIV care units, participate in the hospital’s transplant committee, as well as in other ethics-related committees.

Education
Albany Medical College has been a national leader among medical schools during the past 10 years in innovative curriculum development. A comprehensive and required medical ethics and humanities course - Health, Care and Society runs concurrently with basic science and clinical rotations throughout all four years of students’ training.

The graduate programs of Alden March Bioethics Institute bring together outstanding teachers, innovative researchers, excellent students, the latest teaching technology and an intensive clinical ethics program.