

HEALTH ETHICS TRUST

ABOUT THE HEALTH ETHICS TRUST

In response to growing ethics and compliance concerns in healthcare, the Council of Ethical Organizations formed the Health Ethics Trust in 1995. The purpose of the Trust is to assist healthcare organizations and individuals committed to ethical and legal conduct through educational programs, research, and shared best practices.

The Health Ethics Trust sponsors a full agenda of ethics and compliance activities – such as the annual [Healthcare Best Compliance Practices Forum](#). Trust members also have full privileges as members of the Council of Ethical Organizations.

HET VISN MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Health Ethics Trust represents an organizational commitment to ethical and legal conduct at your VISN. Unlike other memberships, **ALL employees** of a VISN may participate in HET programs and access HET resources. Members direct HET's service activities including educational programs, research, and educational liaison activities through a variety of committees.

No other organizational membership offers as broad an array of benefits as HET membership. **Membership benefits** include priority participation in member programs, audio/web conferences, access to HET's Benchmark Resources, access to members only section of HET web site, peer consulting, reduced tuition for all courses and publications, and reduced charge for certification application and renewal.

LEVELS OF VISN MEMBERSHIP

Basic VISN membership includes all of the benefits described below and encompasses all employees of the member organization.

Premium VISN membership includes all the benefits of basic membership plus one day of on-site education or consulting (not including travel expenses).

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BASIC VISN MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- **Priority participation** in courses and programs and **reduced tuition for all member's employees**. Trust courses and programs are offered in a limited enrollment, vendor-free format to ensure quality. In addition to general Council programs, the Trust offers the Healthcare Compliance Professionals Course, the Healthcare Compliance Professionals Advanced Course, the Healthcare Best Compliance Practices Forum, the Hotline Course, Designing & Leading Compliance Training Programs: The Train-the-Trainer Program, Conducting Compliance Investigations, the Billing, Coding & Systems Course, the Clinical Ethics & Compliance Programs Course, Legal Issues Boot Camp and others.
- **Compliance Briefings Emails**. These email briefings will consist of concise substantive analyses of pertinent compliance developments as well as special opportunities available only to HET members.
- **Periodic advising** on ethics and compliance issues through email and/or telephone consultations with Council professional staff (extensive advising of this sort can be arranged on a retainer basis).
- Access to **members only web site**. The members only site will include, among other things, electronic versions of current issues of the *Pastin Report*, selected presentations from the Healthcare Best Compliance Practices Forum and Course Program binders, and special resources (e.g. model policies).
- **Free participation in quarterly audioconferences** (\$195 - \$780 value) on specific compliance topics. These audioconferences will include presentations by the Council professional staff and outside experts on timely compliance issues and hot topics.
- **Peer consulting** - an advisory service in which leading compliance officers from member organizations serve as advisors or reviewers for your organization.
- Access to the **Trust's Benchmark Resources**, including model Code of Conduct provisions, *The Hotline Handbook*, *The Compliance Case Study Library*, Best Practice Standards and Practices, Model Healthcare Compliance (Integrity) Plan, and briefings on current compliance issues.
- **Discounts on special products** such as videos, training materials, and publications.
- **Application fees are waived** for the Health Ethics Trust's *Certified Compliance Professional (CCP)* status. Evaluation is independently administered by leading compliance professionals. **Application fees** for submissions to *Best Practices* review process are **waived**.

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PREMIUM VISN MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

All of the above benefits plus:

- Up to one day of educational services delivered by senior members of our staff. These services often include an educational program delivered at the member's location (travel expenses not included), a site visit to identify areas in which a member can benefit from Trust programs, on-going advice on ethics and compliance matters, and application of Trust and Council resources.

VISN MEMBERSHIP FEES

Basic VISN Membership is **\$500 per year** (a savings of \$800 off our regular membership fee).

A two-year **Basic VISN Membership** is **\$1,000** (a savings of \$1,600 off our regular membership fee).

Premium VISN Membership is **\$2,600 per year** unless the membership is paid in conjunction with a conference tuition, in which case the fee is **\$2,400**.

A two-year **Premium VISN Membership** is **\$4,200** unless the membership is paid in conjunction with a conference tuition, in which case the fee is **\$4,000**.

Note:

VISN Membership can *only* be upgraded from Basic to Premium at the time of renewal.

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MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

VISN Name & Number: _____

Principal Contact: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) - ____ - _____ Fax: (____) - ____ - _____ Email: _____

Additional Contacts: (Name, Phone Number, Email)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Issues my organization would like to see addressed in Trust programs, research or service activities:

- \$500 Basic VISN Membership
- \$1,000 2-Year Basic VISN Membership
- \$2,600 Premium VISN Membership
 - \$2,400 when paid in conjunction with any tuition
- \$4,200 2-Year Premium VISN Membership
 - \$4,000 when paid in conjunction with any tuition

Make checks payable to:

Council of Ethical Organizations

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Alexandria, VA 22314

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