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<b>Poster Title:</b>		
Creating a Clinical Ethics Committee in a Private Healthcare Inpatient Facility.		
<b>Poster Abstract (maximum of 250 words)</b>		
<b>Background:</b>		
<p>As private medicine becomes more prevalent in the UK, there is increasing concerns on the ethical practice that occurs in these settings, especially following the recent events such as Ian Patterson case. The role of an ethics committee in the private sector has never been greater; however, to date there is only 1 in practice. To address this gap and need, we launched an Clinical Ethics Committee at Bupa Cromwell hospital to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improve the clinical care for complex patients from diverse backgrounds in the UK and abroad</li> <li>• support and encourage ethical practice for staff in clinical and non-clinical roles</li> <li>• raise the profile of ethical considerations in private medicine</li> </ul>		
<b>Formation of ethics committee:</b>		
<p>We have detailed the processes that we undertook to launch a successful ethics committee in the private sector, with reference to aspects that are unique, challenges and our lessons learnt. This covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifying the need, engaging staff and the organisation</li> <li>• recruiting membership from diverse backgrounds who have different contract types e.g. consultants with practicing privileges or from those outside of the hospital e.g. chaplain</li> <li>• balancing privacy of information to allow an adequate case referral whilst ensuring security of information</li> <li>• establishing wider training and development within the organisation</li> </ul>		
<b>Conclusion:</b>		
<p>Currently there are limited number of ethics committee in the private sector. The structured and transparent process of a clinical ethics committee, allows multi-disciplinary membership from commercial and clinical backgrounds, to guide best ethical practice.</p>		
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