BIOETHICS MEDIATION TRAINING PROGRAM
An innovative approach to resolving clinical ethics disputes.

Founded in 2012, the ADR Hellenic Center offers the first Bioethics Mediation Training Program in Europe. Mediation process promotes shared solutions among health care providers, patients and family members. Mediation skills should be at the core of clinical ethics consultation (CEC). Professionals who complete Bioethics Mediation program offerings, acquire valuable skills that prepare them to effectively manage conflicts caused by communication breakdowns, cultural differences, disparate value systems and ethical dilemmas. Bioethics Mediation process is Unique! And is also a body of Knowledge and a set of skills that can be taught!

OFFERING COURSES:
- On–site Bioethical Mediation Intensive: 5–day, Mediation of Medical Clinical Ethical Disputes offered throughout a year at the ADR Hellenic Center in Thessaloniki, Greece.
- Off–site Bioethical Mediation workshop: Several –day workshops at your location with the same program of training as our Bioethical Mediation Intensive, but in your setting of choice. Especially effective in a clinical team or consult service.
- Mediation consultation: Mediation Trainers of the Bioethical Mediation Program are available to mediate clinical ethics disputes on request.

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- **Hippocrates-Father of Medicine**: “To help or at least to not harm”
- **Aristotle’s Ethics**: “Ethics improve our lives”
- **Socrates’ maieutic method**: “I cannot teach anybody anything. I can only make them think”

BIOETHICS MEDIATION

Clinical ethics conflicts always involve genuine ambiguity in which there is more than one applicable moral principle. The philosophical term of this state of moral ambiguity is "APORIA", a term created by ancient Greek philosophers, meaning "a state of perplexity" i.e. the expression of real doubt about where to begin or what to do or say". In a situation of “APORIA” there is no consensus among all the parties involved about the morally appropriate course of action. That is because all people involved, such as the doctors, the nurses, the patients, family members, all have their own principles which affect their lives, priorities, deeply held values and religious beliefs.

When a bioethical consultant makes a recommendation in a situation of aporia, one set of principles and values is favored over another. That produces a single correct solution, and that is not effective. In clinical ethics there is a range of ethically acceptable options and not only one option!

Bioethics Mediation process is the only one process that provides the prospects for achieving the proverbial ‘win–win’ for conflicting parties in a bedside conflict.