TOPIC:  The Hope and the Challenge to Improve Life’s Odds:
          The Ethics of Experimental Treatment for Cardiac Arrest and Severe Injury Without Informed Consent.

DATE:  June 26, 2007  TIME:  12:00 Noon – 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION:  OLD ARMSTRONG AUDITORIUM, Harris Methodist Fort Worth

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
“The federal government is undertaking the most ambitious set of studies ever mounted under a controversial arrangement that allows researchers to conduct some kinds of medical experiments without first getting patients’ permission. The $50 million, five-year project, which involves more than 20,000 patients in 11 sites in the United States and Canada (Dallas metroplex included) is designed to improve treatment after car accidents, shootings, cardiac arrest and other emergencies.” (Washington Post, May 27, 2007) The seminar provides an overview of the project and details the ethical parameters for conducting the research, including the challenges due to the inexperience of US Institutional Review Boards’ review of the safety and efficacy of such research as well as effectively addressing the required community consultation and public disclosure process.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of the seminar, participants should be able to:
1. Describe the collaborative clinical trials of promising new treatments for cardiac arrest and severe traumatic injury.
2. Discuss factors that determine whether patients are willing to participate in resuscitation studies without informed consent.
3. Discuss the ethical challenges experienced by IRB members in reviewing the studies for approval.
4. Describe the federally required dual-track process of community consultation and public disclosure.

FACULTY AND METHOD OF PRESENTATION
A PowerPoint presentation will be given by David Isch (Director of Ethics, Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital). A session of Q&A will follow the presentation.

TARGET AUDIENCE
Medical Staff, Nursing Staff, Allied Health Professionals, Clergy, Social Workers, Attorneys, Hospital and Health Plan Administrators, Board of Trustee Members, and interested Health System Employees from any department.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT
The Research and Education Institute for Texas Health Resources is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Research and Education Institute for Texas Health Resources designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This course has been designated by the Research and Education Institute for Texas Health Resources for 1 hour of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

Harris Methodist Fort Worth Education Center is an approved provider of continuing education by the Texas Nurses’ Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

This activity meets Type I criteria for mandatory continuing education requirements toward relicensure as established by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. Participants must attend the entire program to receive Continuing Education credit. This seminar has been approved for 1 Type I contact hours for nursing.

The program has been approved by the Texas Board of Social Work Examiners, Sponsor Number CS1633, for 1 hour (0.1CEUs) of continuing ethics education credit for Social Workers.