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Worldwide, there is an increase in the use of clinical ethics support (CES) to support health care workers in dealing with the ethical issues they run up against. Although CES has been evaluated positively, it also faces several challenges. This dissertation discusses three CES innovations intended to address these challenges.

The first innovation is a CES tool based on a series of Moral Case Deliberations (MCD). This CES tool enables the insights gained during MCDs to be disseminated throughout the whole organization.

The second innovation – *taking an integrative approach to CES* – involves providing and organizing CES closer to care practices and in such a way that it increases CES's impact and care workers' readiness to request ethics support.

The third innovation involves conceptualizing and fostering the quality of CES in the Netherlands. Through the development of a network, called NEON, CES stakeholders were encouraged to reflect on what constitutes as good CES. This process resulted in a set of quality characteristics for CES.

This dissertation is part of the effort to professionalize CES and make it more effective and theoretically grounded, thereby enhancing its impact and quality. We hope the research presented in this dissertation will inform and inspire other CES practitioners and researchers to study and experiment with innovations in CES in their own local CES practices.

INNOVATIONS IN CLINICAL ETHICS SUPPORT

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