

## **ETHICS COMMITTEES**

The AOP recognizes the importance of the ethical issues related to clinical practice and trials through the establishment of special bodies such as:

- **Ethics Committee for Clinical Practice**

Handles, in a multidisciplinary and pluralist manner, all issues related to clinical practice, identifying the function in three main moments such as analysis of cases, development of operational rules and guidelines, the training function for the pursuit of the following purposes:

- raise awareness among staff employed by the Company on the debate on bioethics;
- facilitate the solving of bioethical issues that arise for operators in their daily activities;
- provide a reasoned opinion to the Company's Bodies also at the request of users, on bioethical issues related to health activities.

- **Ethics Committee for Clinical Practice - Paediatrics**

Analyzes areas that are ethically more problematic with regard to child medicine which include: the development of prenatal medicine, the activation and suspension of neonatal resuscitation, the dissemination of the practice of transplants, the definition and diagnosis of brain death in paediatric ages, the management of serious malformations, the development of analgesic therapies for the terminal phase, as well as problems posed by the development of research and trials, from the use of new diagnostic tools, new therapeutic techniques, new strategies and health policy indications.

- **Ethics Committee for Clinical Trials**

Handles, in a multidisciplinary manner, all activities associated with clinical trials, focusing not only on the phase of initial authorization, but also on the subsequent or "ongoing" phases and evaluation of the conclusions.

The committees are appointed by the General Manager and are governed in their activities and autonomy by specific national and regional legislation and internal regulation.