

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME**COMET conference, Cardiff****25 June 2009, 2.00 – 3.30 pm****MIMES – A communication model for moral counselling in the clinical setting**

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1. MIMES model: background and introduction

Clarification of the five elements of moral counselling in the clinical setting:

- a. **M**edical explanation about the available options
- b. **I**ndividual choices to be made by the patient
- c. **M**oral aspects of the available medical options
- d. **E**xploring the patient's moral values re. the available options
- e. **S**upporting the decision making process re. the available options

2. Training experiences with counselling on prenatal screening using the MIMES model as a structuring principle

Case presentation of a training course in Amsterdam, the Netherlands

3. Discerning the five MIMES elements

Individual exercise on a DVD-recorded prenatal counselling consultation, followed by plenary discussion

4. Role switching during the consultation

Exercise in dyads on switching roles between medical expert, educator and counsellor, followed by plenary discussion

5. Evaluation

Use of MIMES model, also in other clinical settings