VVKC Research Ethics Grand Rounds

Ethical Considerations of Professionals in the Preparation and Support of People Who Use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

Technological advances have created new options for communication and offer greater flexibility, affordability, portability, and acceptability. However, AAC devices and the necessary evaluation and training are not readily available or covered by insurance for individuals who need them. Even when a student with complex communication needs is matched with a device and has communication services specified in his or her IEP, meaningful implementation at school and at home is often nonexistent.

Through a panel discussion moderated by Alexandra Da Fonte, Ph.D. (Special Education), attendees will be introduced to the field of AAC, to the challenges and experiences of individuals who use AAC and of those who support them, to the evolving technology field and supports available, and will be encouraged to consider the ethical issues (e.g., access, care, difficult conversations) inherent in a person’s right to communicate.

The VKC welcomes participants with disabilities. Contact kc@vumc.org for disability access information.

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Light lunch provided • Presentation 12-1 p.m.
Room 241 VKC/One Magnolia Circle Bldg.

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