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CONSORTIUM ETHICS PROGRAM
University of Pittsburgh
3708 Fifth Avenue, Suite 300
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The University of Pittsburgh Consortium Ethics Program

BASIC ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE ETHICS

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania
Education Conference Center
Warrendale, PA

Sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences, the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and the University of Pittsburgh Consortium Ethics Program (CEP)*

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Rosa Lynn Pinkus, PhD, Director

Introduction

This day-long conference will provide an intensive review of ethical issues that occur in contemporary health care ethics. Aimed at providing health care professionals with a basic introduction to the frameworks and skills needed for addressing and resolving ethical issues within their institutions and health care in general, topics ranging from general principles in health care ethics to patient autonomy, informed consent, decision-making capacity and end-of-life decisions, will be presented through didactic and case-based discussions.

This conference is open to all health care professionals. If you are a member of your institution's ethics committee, participate in ethical decision-making, or just have a special interest in health care ethics, we encourage you to attend.

Conference Objectives

At the end of this program, participants should be able to:

1. Identify the basic issues in contemporary medical ethics;
2. Analyze basic frameworks for addressing issues in medical ethics;
3. Recognize the role of the major ethical principles in resolving ethical dilemmas;
4. Identify the role of informed consent in medical decision-making and analyze its relationship to the consensus on forgoing life-sustaining treatment;
5. Apply the major ethical principles and frameworks to problematic cases.

Local Faculty

Gary Fischer, MD
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Mark Wicclair, PhD
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Schedule

8:00 am – 8:40 am Registration/ General Welcoming

8:40 am – 10:00 am Methods of Bioethics: The Four Stories of Dax Cowart
Rosa Lynn Pinkus, PhD

Objectives:

- Describe a basic framework for conceptualizing ethical issues;
- Identify the major ethical issues associated with Dax's Case
- Identify several common ethical issues that emerge in clinical practice;
- Explore the ethical dimensions of several actual clinical cases that raise ethical issues.

10:00 am – 10:10 am Break

10:10 am – 11:30 am Health Care Ethics in Clinical Practice
Mark Wicclair, Ph.D.

Objectives:

- Identify and analyze ethical issues and problems in clinical practice.
- Distinguish ethical norms from other standards, such as legal, professional, and clinical standards.

11:30 am – 12:45 pm LUNCH

12:45 pm – 2:15 pm Informed Consent: From the Physician-Patient Relationship to the Questionably Competent Patient to Health Care Reform- Law, Ethics & More
Alan Steinberg, Esq.

Objectives:

- Identify the different laws that affect a patient's rights to make informed treatment decisions;
- Discuss the issues involved with the questionably competent patient and patient surrogate decision-making;
- Discuss the evolving nature of laws, ethics and the dynamics of health care policy, as well as their interactions with each other.

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm End of Life Decision-Making
Gary Fischer, MD

Objectives:

- Discuss the basic ethical principles of end of life decision making
- Examine the clinical process of making such decisions with patients, families and surrogates;
- Identify the factors that facilitate or impede the process of end of life decision making

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Wrap-up and Evaluation

4:00 pm Adjournment

REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: Space is limited and registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. To be sure that we have enough materials printed, we ask that you RSVP your attendance no later than November 20, 2009.

Name: _____ **Degree:** _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail: _____

Soc. Security # (last 5 digits): _____

(Necessary for certification)

Certification requested (Please check one):

CME Social Work None Required

Registration Fee*: \$30.00 (include break services, lunch and conference materials). Please check the appropriate field below.

_____ **\$30.00 Registration**

_____ **I am a CEP Representative (No Fee)**

Note: Registration Fee will be waived for designated CEP representatives.

Make Checks Payable to the **University of Pittsburgh**

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Please send/fax completed registrations to:

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***Confirmation Letters and Directions to the conference center will be mailed by November 25, 2009.**

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