Inaugural Medical Ethics Conference 2015

Professional Duty & Patient Rights in an Age of Pluralism:
Questions of Clinical Decision Making & Conscience

Thursday, October 15 - Friday, October 16, 2015
Ross Heart Hospital auditorium
460 West 12th Ave, Columbus, OH 43210

Sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical

Course Description:
Clinicians are challenged on how to address requests for morally troubling therapies or interventions in a time of changing ethics and law. Further, the increased diversity of views of health and medicine due to immigration and multi-culturalism has complicated considerations. Finally, the addition of end-of-life decision making into the consideration of conscientious refusals has provided a previously unappreciated dilemma. The Conference desires to give physicians a rich and contextual understanding of the dilemma of conscientious refusals and the interplay of patient rights and physician duties. The participants will incorporate into their consideration a new framing for the dilemma that includes perspectives that they had previously not considered fully. Live lectures with extended question, answer and discussion along with case review will stimulate and challenge learners.

Objectives:
Upon conclusion of the program, learners should be able to:
1. Evaluate a spectrum of decision-making dilemmas spanning from clinical judgment to conscientious refusal;
2. Recognize diverse views of health, wellness, the good, and medicine;
3. Identify the changing legal landscape related to patient rights, physician duty and conscientious refusal;
4. Identify strategies when grappling with dilemmas involving end-of-life care and conscientious refusals;
5. Identify strategies when grappling with reproductive issues and conscientious dilemmas at the beginning of life; and
6. Describe historical variances in medical practice and decision making.
AGENDA

October 15, 2015

10:00-11:30  Welcome & First Session, Ryan Nash, MD, MA

11:30-12:30  Luncheon

12:30-2:00  Second Session, H. Tristram Engelhardt, MD, PhD

2:00-3:30  Third Session, Case Presentation # 1

3:30-5:00  Fourth Session, Leonard J. Nelson III, JD, LLM, Legal Updates

October 16, 2015

9:00-9:30  Fifth Session, Leake Student Essay Winner

9:30-10:30  Sixth Session, History Panel

10:30-noon  Seventh Session, Case Presentation # 2

Noon-1:00  Luncheon

1:00-2:30  Eighth Session, Ruiping Fan, MD, PhD

2:30-4:00  Ninth Session, Case Presentation # 3

4:00-4:30  Summation and Closing Remarks

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

H. Tristram Engelhardt, PhD, MD, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Rice University and Professor Emeritus, Baylor College of Medicine, will give The Chauncey D. Leake Lecture and will receive the first H. Tristram Engelhardt Award for a provocative voice in bioethics that encourages us to consider foundations.

Also, receiving the Engelhardt Award is Ruiping Fan, PhD, MD, Professor, Department of Public Health, City University of Hong Kong.

Leonard J. Nelson III, JD, LLM, Professor Emeritus, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University and Adjunct Professor, School of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Ryan Nash, MD, MA, Hagop S. Mekhjian, MD, Chair in Medical Ethics and Professionalism, Director, The OSU Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Associate Professor, OSU College of Medicine

CALL FOR CASES IN MEDICAL ETHICS

Cases submitted are encouraged to focus on the conference theme but may extend beyond to address other core concerns physicians face:

- What are some essential dilemmas you face as a physician?
- What are some key issues related to your professionalism as a physician?
- What questions and issues in medicine keep you up at night?

HIPAA PRIVACY RULE: all cases submitted must be de-identified in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Please see the following link for further information, if needed: http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/coveredentities/De-identification/guidance.html

CASE SUBMISSIONS are welcomed at any time leading up to October 10, 2015. Please submit de-identified cases to: Kelly.bolt@osumc.edu.

Course Cancellation Policy: Requests for cancellation submitted on or before 5 p.m. EST, October 12, 2015 will receive a full refund minus a $25 processing fee. No refunds will be issued after this date. The Ohio State University reserves the right to cancel this program at any time and will assume no financial obligation to the registrants; however, registration fees will be refunded in full.

To register online, visit https://ccme.osu.edu/ConferenceDetail.aspx?ID=1734

You must be logged into an Ohio State CME account to register. If you need assistance, contact the CME office at (614) 293-3576.