

The End of Life Revisited **Saturday, March 20th, 2010**

Overview

The main objective of this symposium is to provide physicians and other health care professionals with the skills to deal with ethical dilemmas in the treatment and care of patients who may be near the end-of-life.

The symposium will also explore challenges in improving end-of-life care. It will include several international perspectives and comparison with practices in the US. It will also include perspectives on two controversial topics: the duty of care during public health emergencies with respect to patients who may be near the end of life, and discussions over the practice of euthanasia in the Netherlands and physician-assisted suicide in several US states.

Faculty includes local faculty, invited speakers from the Hastings Center, and professors from Chile, Brasil, Italy, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands. The symposium offers CME credits, and is open to students of medicine, nursing, and other health care professions.

Objectives

At the end of the symposium, participants will be prepared to:

1. Describe the ethical goals of good care near the end-of-life, and the professional competencies that support the practice of good care and the resolution of ethical dilemmas.
2. Discuss how interdisciplinary palliative care can be integrated into different treatment frameworks, patient populations, and care settings near the end-of-life.
3. Describe the legal context of end-of-life care, and identify and correct legal myths.
4. Recognize the role of personal, cultural, spiritual, and religious values in decision-making and care near the end-of-life.
5. Find and evaluate institutional and web resources.

Logistics

Date: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (Onsite Registration & Breakfast 7:30-8:30 am)

Place: Children's Hospital Auditorium
200 Henry Clay, New Orleans, 70118

Cost: \$40 fee. Free registration for LSUHSC & Children's faculty, students and staff

Online Registration: <http://www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/pediatrics/>

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Scientific Committee

Nancy Berlinger, PhD; John Estrada (head), MD; Sue Singer, RN; Alfonso Vargas, MD

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- 7:30 – 8:30 am** **Breakfast and Onsite Registration**
- 8:30 – 8:35 am** **Welcome**
Ricardo Sorensen, MD
Chair Department of Pediatrics
LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA
- Alfonso Vargas, MD
Director, International Program, Dept of Pediatrics
LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA
- Morning Session Moderator**
Alfred Tenore, MD
Chair of Pediatrics, University of Udine, Italy
- 8:35 – 8:45 am** **Symposium Overview**
John Estrada, MD
Associate Professor of Pediatrics, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA
- 8:45 – 9:15 am** **What does it Mean to be Ethically Competent in End-of-Life Care?**
Nancy Berlinger, PhD, MDiv
Deputy Director, The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY
- 9:15 – 9:45 am** **End-of-Life Care and the Law**
Richard Simmons, Jr, JD
Hailey McNamara Law Firm, New Orleans, LA
- 9:45 – 10:15 am** **Ethical Dilemmas in Palliative Care**
Harlee S. Kutzen, MN, PHCNS-BC, ACHPN-BC, ACRN
Instructor of Nursing, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA
- 10:15 – 10:45 am** **Building Competency in Palliative Care**
David E. Taylor, MD
Chair, Department of Pulmonary/Critical Care/Palliative Care
Ochsner Medical Center, New Orleans, LA
- 10:45 – 11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:00 – 11:30 am** **Building Competence in Pediatric End-of-Life**
Juan Pablo Beca, MD
Director, Center for Bioethics, School of Medicine, Univ del Desarrollo, Chile
- 11:30 – 12:00 am** **Panel -- Pediatric Palliative Care: Perspectives from Neonatology, Oncology and the Intensive Care Unit**
Duna Penn, MD, Professor of Pediatrics
Renee Gardner, MD, Professor of Pediatrics
Janet Rossi, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA
Moderator: Nancy Berlinger, PhD, MDiv

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- 12:00 – 12:15 pm** **Break – Grab your Lunch (lunch provided at the auditorium)**
- Afternoon Session Moderator:**
John Estrada, MD, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA
- 12:15 – 1:00 pm** **Panel -- Voices from the Community: Recommendations for Health Care Providers**
Susan Levingston
Concerned community member and volunteer
Chet Harrell
Concerned community member and volunteer
Jack Ruli, MD
Retired physician working with hospices
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm** **Euthanasia in the Netherlands and Physician-Assisted Suicide in Oregon: Outcome Data Concerning Controversial Practices**
Gerrit Kimsma, MD
Professor Vrije University Medical Ctr, The Netherlands
- 1:45 – 2:00 pm** **Questions and Answers**
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm** **Public Health Emergencies and the Duty to Care: Medico-Legal Implications**
Anna Pou, MD
Professor, Otorhinolaryngology, LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA
- 2:30 – 2:45 pm** **Public Health Emergencies and the Duty to Care: Recent Experience in Haiti**
MarkAlain Dery, DO, MPH
Clinical Instructor of Medicine, Tulane Health Sciences Ctr, New Orleans, LA
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm** **Break**
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm** **Panel -- Case Study Discussion: Resource Allocation and the Cost of End-of-Life Care**
Alvaro Rossi, MD
Associate Professor, Universidad Federal de Sta Maria, Brasil
Jitka Patockova, MD
Associate Professor, Karlova University, Czech Republic
Saverio Ambesi-Impiombato, MD
Professor, University of Udine, Italy
- 4:00 – 4:30 pm** **Improving End-of-Life Care: Familiar Challenges and Fresh Debates**
Thomas Murray, PhD
President, The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY