

Ethical Issues in End-of-Life Care

In the past 50 years, medicine has developed new and unprecedented technologies like breathing machines and dialysis that can prevent or delay death. These technologies have changed how people die, where people die, and physicians' responsibilities to dying patients. During these 50 years, physicians and society have gradually learned how to best apply these life-saving technologies and how to stop them. In the vast majority of cases in which death is anticipated, patients, families and physicians reach prudent and "negotiated" decisions on when to stop aggressive care.

Yet questions remain. Advance directives have not been the panacea they were hoped to be and deciding for patients who are unable to speak for themselves remains painfully difficult for families and practitioners. Newer technologies such as implanted cardiac defibrillators, left ventricular assist devices, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation continue to raise new questions. Euthanasia and physician assisted suicide remain contentious subjects. Even questions that were thought settled, such as brain death and palliative sedation, have generated new controversies. Further, the cost of caring for patients at the end of life continues to consume a large percentage of the health budget, raising questions about the optimal and just use of health care resources.

In these seminars, local and national experts will address these and other controversial ethical issues in care at the end of life. While much has happened in the past 50 years, the age-old issues of suffering, death, caring, and the limits of medicine have found new expressions that require new answers. This year's interdisciplinary seminar series was organized by Mark Siegler, the Director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Ethics and Daniel Sulmasy, Associate Director of the MacLean Center. The conference organizers hope that these discussions will help to shape debate about these critically important questions at the University of Chicago and across the wider society.

Thirty-Three Years of MacLean Center Ethics Seminars

In 1981, under the auspices of the MacLean Center, Mark Siegler and Richard Epstein organized a yearlong interdisciplinary seminar series on *Medical Innovation and Bad Outcomes: Legal, Social and Ethical Responses*. The success of that initial seminar program demonstrated that there was great interest at the University of Chicago in creating a sustainable interdisciplinary forum to discuss health-related subjects with colleagues from across campus. Each year since 1981, the MacLean Center has sponsored an annual seminar series that has examined the ethical aspects of one key health related issue. Previous topics have included: Organ Transplantation, Pediatric Ethics, Global Health, Health Care Disparities, Medical Professionalism, Confidentiality, Pharmaceutical Innovation and Regulation, and Health Reform. In 2014-2015, our topic is *Ethical Issues in End-of-Life Care*.

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Autumn Quarter 2014

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Spring Quarter 2015

October 8, 2014

The Ethics of Global Palliative Care

Kathy Foley, MD, Memorial Sloan Kettering

October 15, 2014

The Definition of Death: Newly Emerging Controversies

Robert Veatch, PhD, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University

October 22, 2014

Starting Very Small: Newborn Perspectives on the Big Decisions

Perri Klass, MD, Carter Journalism Institute, New York University



October 23, 2014

Being Mortal:

Medicine and What Matters in the End

Atul Gawande, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital



October 29, 2014

Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking: Separating the Wheat from the Chaff

Daniel Sulmasy, MD, PhD, The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, The University of Chicago

November 5, 2014

The Lack of Consensus about Futility

Alan Meisel, JD, Center for Bioethics and Health Law, University of Pittsburgh

Friday and Saturday, November 14-15, 2014

26th Annual MacLean Fellows Conference on Clinical Medical Ethics

The MacLean Center Prize will be awarded on Saturday morning to Susan Tolle.

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November 12, 2014

Transforming How We Care for Those Near the End of Life

Susan Tolle, MD, Center for Ethics in Health Care, Oregon Health & Science University



November 19, 2014

Communicating about Prognosis and End-of-Life Care in Patients with Advanced Cancer

Jennifer Temel, MD, Harvard Medical School



November 26, 2014 THANKSGIVING

December 3, 2014

The Five Horsemen: Managing 'Wicked' Global Crises

Daniel Callahan, PhD, The Hastings Center

This lecture will be a videoconference held in P-117

December 10, 2014

Sedation, Consciousness and Personhood: Clinical and Ethical Perspectives in a Palliative Setting

Timothy Quill, MD, University of Rochester

January 7, 2015

Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD): Academic Dissent Fails Patients

Tracy Koogler, MD, The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, The University of Chicago

January 14, 2015

The Cost of End-of-Life Care

Tomas Philipson, PhD, Harris School of Public Policy, The University of Chicago



January 21, 2015

Medical Student Reflections on Caring for Dying Patients

Mark Kuczewski, PhD, Neiswanger Institute For Bioethics and Health Policy, Loyola University

January 28, 2015

When Good Intentions Aren't Enough: Barriers to Optimal End-of-Life Care

Ranjana Srivastava, MD, Monash University, Australia



February 4, 2015

End-of-Life Decisions in Pediatrics: Why They Are Different

Joel Frader, MD, Northwestern University

February 11, 2015

Predicting End of Life

Bill Meadow, MD, PhD, The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, The University of Chicago

February 18, 2015

Democratic Legitimacy and End-of-Life Decisions

Dan Brudney, PhD, The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, The University of Chicago



This lecture will be held in H-103

February 25, 2015

The Promise of a Treatment: Cardiac Arrest and Its Effect on Contemporary Medicine

Daniel Brauner, MD, The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, The University of Chicago

March 4, 2015

Ethical Obligations and Clinical Care in End-of-Life Care: Deriving a Quality-of-Life Construct Based on the Islamic Concept of Accountability Before God

Aasim Padela, MD, MSc, The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, The University of Chicago

March 11, 2015

Tort Liability in End-of-Life Care

Nadia Sawicki, JD, School of Law, Loyola University Chicago

April 1, 2015

Ethical Issues in Discontinuing LVADs

Savitri Fedson, MD, The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, The University of Chicago

April 8, 2015

Improving Quality Reduces Costs: Ethical Aspects of Care for the Seriously Ill

Diane Meier, MD, Center to Advance Palliative Care, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

April 15, 2015

Persons with Dementia: Are They the Canary in the Coal Mine?

Joan Teno, MD, Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research, Brown University

April 22, 2015

What's So Hard about End-of-Life Decision-Making?

Peter Ubel, MD, Duke University

April 29, 2015

A Generation Later: Why Has the End-of-Life Debate Ended?

Richard Epstein, LLB, New York University & The University of Chicago



May 6, 2015

ECMO as a 'Bridge to Nowhere': Ethically Challenging and Poignant Cases from the Technological Edge

Ken Prager, MD, Columbia University Center for Bioethics

May 13, 2015

Last Exit Off the Cardiac Freeway: Ethical Considerations in Palliative Care and Cardiovascular Implantable Electronic Devices

James Kirkpatrick, MD, University of Pennsylvania

May 20, 2015

One Explorer's Map into the World of Palliative Care Chaplaincy Research

Linda Emanuel, MD, PhD, Buehler Center on Aging, Health & Society, Northwestern University

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