

Healthcare Ethics Consortium Annual Conference

Thursday/Friday, March 22 & 23, 2018

Location: Evergreen Conference Center

*The Intersection of Healthcare Ethics and the Law:
Implications for Complex Cases*



Thursday, March 22

8:30 Welcome

8:45 **Complex Discharge Planning and Ethics Overview**

(e.g. long stay patients who are medically ready for discharge; refusal of possible placement options; access to appropriate care facilities)

9:00 **Multi-disciplinary Case Presentation**

When the Patient's Family Refuses Discharge Planning

10:45 **Moderated Panel Discussion of Complex Discharge Planning and Ethics**

(incorporating topics such as discharging patients when we are unsure if discharge plans are adequate; when the patient wants to go home when the support network is not sufficient; leaving against medical advice, etc.)

Openbuild Discussion & Recommendations from the Discussion

12:15 Lunch

1:15 **What is Medically Ineffective Treatment?**

Gaps in Healthcare Communication

- Kathleen Benton
Director of Clinical Ethics and Palliative Care, Saint Joseph's/Candler

2:30 **World Café discussions – 3 discussion sessions with facilitators**

- 1) Forced Treatment
- 2) Pain management – over and under-treatment
- 3) Decisions re medically ineffective treatment

4:00 **Complexity and Ethical Decisions along the Continuum/Spectrum of Care**

Working with patients moving between home health, hospital, long term care, rehabilitation services, hospice, etc. **(panel discussion)**

Friday, March 23

Openbuild concept – sharing information across organizations & creating next steps for HEC

9:00 **Caring for/Decision Making with Unrepresented Patients**

(what are our obligations to patients who do not have decision making capacity and for whom there is no legal decision maker)

10:15 Break

10:30 **Updates re Current Health Law and Policy – Implications for Ethical Decision Making**

(e.g., Resuscitation Decisions; Withholding/Withdrawing; POLST; Informed Consent; Current court cases)

12:00 Lunch

1:00 **How do Ethics Committees, Ethics Consultants, and Legal Counsel Collaborate?**

(Consultation and documentation; the role of policy – institutional and legislation; uncertainty - *what do we do when the answer is not clear? ...*)

- **Panel:** Ethics consultants and legal counsels from 3 healthcare organizations

2:30 Glimpse into the future/Closing session