

*Converging Roads* – Diocese of Columbus  
Saturday, April 24, 2021 | Pontifical College Josephinum, The Jessing Center

## HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

7:30 AM	REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST BEGINS (JESSING CENTER)
8:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS (JESSING CENTER)
8:25 – 9:25 AM	THE CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL IN A SECULAR SOCIETY Thomas W. McGovern, MD
9:30 – 10:30 AM	ORDINARY, EXTRAORDINARY, AND FUTILE: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE AND WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? DiAnn Ecret, PhD, MSN, RN, MA
10:30 – 10:45 AM	BREAK
10:45 – 11:45 AM	MEDICINE AND MORALS IN MAKING CLINICAL DECISIONS Greg F. Burke, MD, FACP
11:45 – 1:30 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
12:10 – 1:10 PM	RIGHTS OF PHYSICIANS: HOW TO BRING YOUR FAITH AND ETHICS INTO MEDICINE Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD *Sacrament of Reconciliation 1:30 – 2:15 PM
1:30 – 1:50 PM	BREAK
1:50 – 2:50 PM	ACCOMPANYING CHILDREN IN THE WOMB AND AT THE END OF LIFE Robin Pierucci, MD, MA
2:55 – 3:55 PM	ADDICTION AND THE OPIOID CRISIS: TREATING THE WHOLE PERSON Cynthia Hunt, MD
3:55 – 4:10 PM	BREAK
4:10 – 5:10 PM	ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR THE POOR Claudia R. Sotomayor, MD, DBe
5:10 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
5:30 PM	VIGIL MASS Celebrant: Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan
6:30 – 7:30 PM	WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

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### **MEDICINE AND MORALS IN MAKING CLINICAL DECISIONS**

Greg F. Burke, MD, FACP

This presentation will explore decision making in the clinical setting and application of the principles of proportionate and disproportionate means. The presentation will cover the medical realities of such patients, the ethical consideration regarding provision of food and water, and the role of patient and family experience.

### **PROPORTIONATE, DISPROPORTIONATE, AND FUTILE: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE AND WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?**

DiAnn Ecret, PhD, MSN, RN, MA

This presentation will differentiate between proportionate, disproportionate, and futile care. It will identify the weaknesses of the language of futility in decision making, and describe the criteria used to determine whether a treatment is morally obligatory or morally optional.

### **RIGHTS OF PHYSICIANS: HOW TO BRING YOUR FAITH AND ETHICS INTO MEDICINE**

Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD

This presentation will explore the appropriate role that the religious or ethics convictions of medical professionals plays in clinical settings. It will consider the rights and responsibilities of patients, medical professionals, and institutions; explore the role of faith for both medical professionals, and patients and their families; and consider the rights of medical professionals to exercise rights of conscience and religious liberty in the context of diverse medical settings.

### **ADDICTION AND THE OPIOID CRISIS: TREATING THE WHOLE PERSON**

Cynthia Hunt, MD

This presentation will consider the scope of the opioid crisis and how medical professionals and hospitals can respond proactively to the crisis. It will propose a path forward for all alleviating the crisis and identify a robust response for Catholic facilities and Catholic medical professionals with consideration for what practices and interventions can be implemented.

### **THE CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL IN A SECULAR SOCIETY**

Thomas W. McGovern, MD

This presentation will describe the challenges of practicing medicine as a Catholic today. It will consider the role of faith and religion in the practice of medicine, propose what is distinctive about medicine inspired by a Catholic world view and discuss how such medicine leads to positive outcomes.

### **ACCOMPANYING CHILDREN IN THE WOMB AND AT THE END OF LIFE**

Robin Pierucci, MD, MA

This presentation will explore palliative strategies and their ethical implications associated with the care to the neonatal and fetal patients. It will describe how the ethical issues associated with the care of neonatal and fetal patients may differ from the same kind of care at other stages of life, consider best practices for communicating diagnoses with parents and caregivers, and describe how to best offer support to families.

### **ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR THE POOR**

Claudia R. Sotomayor, MD, DBe

This presentation will explore the need, the challenges, and the importance of providing health care services to the poor. It will identify the effects of social determinants of health in a hospital system; discuss the challenges, joys, and unique needs of health care to the poor; and identify effective models for ensuring robust access to health care for the poor.