

Converging Roads – Houston, TX
Saturday, April 17, 2021 | St. John Paul II Foundation

THE HEART OF HEALTH CARE

8:00 AM	MASS (Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham) CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION (Great Hall)
9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS (Great Hall)
9:25 – 10:20 AM	THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH: COUNTERING A SECULARIST BIOETHICS Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD
10:25 – 11:25 AM	END OF LIFE DECISION MAKING AND PALLIATIVE CARE Sarah E. Hetue Hill, PhD
11:25 – 11:40 AM	BREAK
11:40 AM – 12:40 PM	ACCOMPANYING PATIENTS IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING Father Philip G. Bochanski
12:40 – 2:15 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:10 – 2:10 PM	IS THERE SUCH A THING AS “CATHOLIC MEDICINE”? Kathryn A. Karges, MD and Theodore J. Trumble, II, MD, CMD
2:15 – 2:35 PM	BREAK
2:35 – 3:35 PM	THE PHYSIOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF CONTRACEPTIVES Michael S. Parker, MD
3:40 – 4:40 PM	PUBLIC HEALTH AND PANDEMICS: ECONOMICS, ACCESS TO CARE, AND HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES Dominique J. Monlezun, MD, PhD, PhD, MPH
4:40 – 4:55 PM	BREAK
4:55 – 5:55 PM	MORAL DECISION MAKING IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS Sarah E. Hetue Hill, PhD; Dominique J. Monlezun, MD, PhD, PhD, MPH
6:00 – 6:45 PM	WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

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THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH: COUNTERING A SECULARIST BIOETHICS

Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD

This presentation will offer an overview of the Hippocratic Oath and its implications for medical care provided to patients. It will discuss the history of the Hippocratic Oath and its practical implications for medicine that is dignified, compassionate, and loving.

END OF LIFE DECISION MAKING AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Sarah E. Hetue Hill, PhD

This presentation will provide healthcare professionals and patients with an understanding of the role of palliative care, especially towards the end of life. It will identify key ethical principles that guide decision making when patients are no longer aggressively pursuing curative measures.

ACCOMPANYING PATIENTS IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

Father Philip G. Bochanski

This presentation will provide information about the importance of spiritual and pastoral care at the end of a person's life, assisting the individual and family to move with peace, comfort, and love into the final stage of life here on earth. It will share examples of struggle and success in accompanying patients and being a compassionate presence in the midst of suffering.

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS "CATHOLIC MEDICINE"?

Kathryn A. Karges, MD and Theodore J. Trumble, II, MD, CMD

This presentation will consider whether there is anything distinctive about the practice of medicine animated by Catholic ethical and spiritual convictions. It will explore whether patient outcomes are impacted by robust spiritual and ethical convictions as well as identify model doctors and nurses who exemplify a strong commitment to the whole patient.

THE PHYSIOLOGICAL IMPACT OF CONTRACEPTIVES

Michael S. Parker, MD

This presentation will explore the current medical data concerning the physiological impact of contraceptives. It will survey literature concerning the role of venous thromboembolism, stroke, and contraceptives as well as discuss the role of contraceptives on heart health for women of child-bearing age.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PANDEMICS: ECONOMICS, ACCESS TO CARE, AND HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES

Dominique J. Monlezun, MD, PhD, PhD, MPH

This presentation will consider the role of social determinants of health in provision of medical care in times of crisis. It will identify how economic factors impact medical care and play a role in decision making at all levels.

MORAL DECISION MAKING IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

Sarah E. Hetue Hill, PhD and Dominique J. Monlezun, MD, PhD, PhD, MPH

This presentation will consider practical application of ethical principles in a clinical setting in light of different cases. It will propose course of treatment options to secure desired patient outcomes and share best ethical medical practice for treating patients.