

Converging Roads – Diocese of Wichita
Saturday, April 22, 2023 | Newman University Dugan-Gorges Conference Center

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

7:30 AM	CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION BEGINS
8:00 AM	MASS Celebrant: Rev. John P. Lanzrath
9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS Susie Lopez, St. John Paul II Foundation
9:25 – 10:25 AM	TRUTH, CONSCIENCE, AND THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL Mary Hasson, JD
10:30 – 11:30 AM	APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF DOUBLE EFFECT Kent Lasnoski, PhD
11:30 – 11:45 AM	BREAK
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	CLINICAL CARE FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES Dana Hardin, MD
12:45 – 2:25 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:20 – 2:20 PM	A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS Michael J. Redinger, MD, MA
2:20 – 2:25 PM	RECITATION OF THE PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
2:25 – 2:45 PM	BREAK
2:30 – 3:15 PM	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
2:45 – 3:45 PM	THE VOCATION OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP
3:45 – 4:45 PM	FIRST DIAGNOSIS: "IT'S A BABY!" – NAVIGATING TREATMENT WITH ADDITIONAL PRENATAL DIAGNOSES Robin Pierucci, MD, MA
4:45 – 5:00 PM	BREAK
5:00 – 6:00 PM	AFFIRMING THE DIGNITY OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE Panel: Mary Hasson, JD; Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP; Dana Hardin, MD
6:00 – 6:10 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
6:10 – 6:45 PM	WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

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A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Michael Redinger, MD, MA

This presentation will assess the causes of the present mental health crisis and discuss the unique way in which Catholic hospitals and health care providers can address the situation. It will identify how mental health impacts medical care, clinical encounters, and outcomes for patients and practitioners. In addition, it will discuss the causes and factors that have led to the development of the mental health crisis in the United States, and appraise how Catholic hospitals and health care providers offer unique perspective in addressing the current mental crisis in light of Christian anthropology.

TRUTH, CONSCIENCE, AND THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

Mary Hasson, JD

This presentation will discuss the connection between religious liberty, truth, and conscience for health care professionals. It will define religious liberty and the role of the conscience in the role of the health care professional, identify why religious liberty is essential to human flourishing, discuss the relationship between truth and conscience, and appraise the current challenges that health care professionals face in the practice of good medicine.

CLINICAL CARE FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

Dana Hardin, MD

This presentation will explore appropriate clinical care for adults with mental health diagnoses, with diminished capacity, and with disabilities. It will also describe unique considerations of medical care for patients with disabilities and discuss care that is sensitive and aware of the unique circumstance of these patients, discuss practical tips for accompanying and protecting these vulnerable patient population groups, and describe communication of medical diagnoses, informed consent, and treatment protocols for these vulnerable patient population groups.

PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION FOR PATIENTS

Robin Pierucci, MD, MA

This presentation will explore how the neonatal and pediatric medical teams can intervene on behalf of their patients with disabilities while supporting families as they adjust to life after

diagnosis of a disability. In addition, it will explain medical interventions that may be made on behalf of some populations that experience disability, appraise case studies that offer practical examples of medical and pastoral care and support for the patients and their families, and describe how medical professionals may navigate difficult conversations with medical, social and ethical implications.

APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF DOUBLE EFFECT IN HEALTH CARE

Kent Lasnoski, PhD

This presentation will introduce the principle of double effect and demonstrate its application in medical ethics. It will define the principle of double effect, apply the principle of double effect to varying medical ethics situations, and assess the strengths and weaknesses of applying the principle of double effect within health care.

HEALTH CARE IN SERVICE TO THE DIGNITY OF WOMEN

Panel: Kristin Collier, MD, FACP; Mary Hasson, JD; Robin Pierucci, MD, MA

This panel will explore the ethical issues related to the medical care of a woman that secures physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. It will also discuss the unique aspects of providing healthcare to women, propose an integral view of the human person as essential for comprehensive and holistic medical care for women, explore medical care that respects the unique ways women bring life, love, and their feminine genius into the world, and appraise the unique approaches of Catholic hospitals and Catholic health care providers in offering care for women that affirms the unique dignity and genius of women.

THE VOCATION OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP

This presentation will focus on the need for the practice of virtue for all health care professionals. It will identify the essential virtues for the health care worker, discuss the role of faith in the vocation of the health care professional, analyze some of the root causes of burnout among health care professionals, and explain how saintly physicians such as St. Giuseppe Moscati and St. Gianna Molla serve as models of the virtues needed for patient care.