

Stony Brook University Hospital Institutional Ethics Committee

Call for Abstracts

5th Annual Medical Ethics Symposium

Navigating the Storm: When Patient Autonomy Leads to Caregiver Distress

Stony Brook Medicine Institutional Ethics Committee is pleased to announce that abstracts for poster presentations are now being accepted. Professionals and students from all healthcare disciplines are invited to submit poster proposals related to the theme of *Navigating the Storm: When Patient Autonomy Leads to Caregiver Distress*.

Topics of interest include (but are not limited to) Medical Ethical Issues pertaining to:

- When does “refusal of care” mean “no”?
- Ethical dilemmas associated with breaches of the patient’s autonomy and integrity
- Determination of capacity
- What does autonomy mean?
- How to navigate patient autonomy in pediatrics, issues of assent and refusal of treatment by minors
- Caring for infants in NICU when parental autonomy or decision making conflicts with recommendations from the healthcare team
- Ethical or legal Issues when the appointed healthcare agent appears to lack capacity
- Conflict-ridden decisions about end of life care when healthcare team and/or families disagree
- Strategies to promote staff resiliency
- Ethical Dilemmas and Moral Distress: The effects of conflict among the healthcare team, patient & family
- Respecting religious beliefs/traditions when they conflict with personal beliefs
- Multifactorial issues contributing to staff burnout & resiliency
- Suicide and Depression among caregivers
- Inadequate care due to lack of resources
- Moral Distress (“occurs when one knows the right thing to do, but institutional or other constraints make it difficult to pursue the desired course of action” -Stress due to ethical dilemmas)
- Moral injury (“lasting psychological, spiritual and social harm caused by one's own or others' actions in a high stakes situation that transgress deeply held moral beliefs and expectations.”)

Abstracts must be submitted online to jean.mueller@stonybrookmedicine.edu, by **May 15, 2020**. The Committee will review all abstracts received and will notify the presenting author of each abstract, communicating the acceptance or non-acceptance of the contribution by **June 12, 2020**. Final guidelines for posters will be sent upon abstract selection. A PDF of Completed Posters must be also submitted on line by **July 7, 2020**.

Abstracts are to be uploaded in PDF format and include:

- Title of project/presentation
- Your name including earned degree(s) and Professional Title
- A short bio including description of your work and research or quality improvement initiatives in medical bioethics, in fewer than 500 words including:
 - Statement of purpose and/or aims of the research or Quality Improvement Initiative
 - Ethical Principle Involved
 - Approach/method/strategy
 - Importance/implications/Lessons Learned

Posters (must be mounted 36” x 48”) will be displayed during the conference on **August 5, 2020**. All Poster presenters will be expected to be available for questions and answers during lunch and break times to share their projects. First and Second Place Winners will be notified prior to the conference and given the opportunity to present the Poster in a 10 minute Rapid Fire Session during the Symposium on **August 5, 2020**.

Save the Date: August 5, 2020, MART Auditorium, Stony Brook Medicine