



2021 – 2022 Ethics at Noon
Formerly Ethics at Lunch

Timely Issues in Medical and Health Care Ethics

The Ethics at Noon sessions will include lectures focusing on timely issues in medical and health care ethics. All the lectures invite physicians, nurses, social workers, pastoral care professionals and other health care professionals to reflect on some of the ethical issues confronting American society today. Ethics is an interdisciplinary endeavor. Everyone is welcome.

Please bring your own lunch.
Bottled water will be provided.

November 22, 2021 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)

Understanding the Principle of the Double Effect in Ethics

Presenter: Anthony Santamaria, PhD

The Principle of the Double Effect is involved in the reasoning and application of many of the Ethical and Religious Directives and plays a central role in addressing some of the most challenging ethical dilemmas in healthcare, especially regarding end of life issues. What is the Principle of the Double Effect? How is it applied and why is it so often misunderstood and misapplied? These questions, and one or two relevant case studies, will be the focus of this presentation.

December 9, 2021 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)

Trauma and Informed Care

Presenter: Kate Aberger, MD

The presenter will discuss trauma informed care and the treatment of patients with concurrent serious illness and opiate use disorder.

February 17, 2022 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)

Informed Consent in View of Cultural Diversity

Presenter: Dcn. Lawrence J. Duffy, MBA, MA, KHS

This presentation will attempt to answer the basic question of what is informed consent, which type of medical procedures require an informed consent, and what that informed consent should include. We will also present case studies on how an informed consent can become complicated if a patient's culture influences decision-making.

March 15, 2022 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)

It's Not Just Sneakers: Forced Labor in Healthcare Supply Chains

Presenter: Alan Sori, MD, FACS

Consumers are demanding that products they purchase are manufactured in a fair and responsible manner. Healthcare equipment is often manufactured using forced labor and hospitals, physicians and healthcare executives have been unaware of the source of materials and the exploitative conditions under which they are made. We will discuss ethical issues in supply chain management and how Catholic hospitals should respond to the issue of forced labor in healthcare equipment manufacturing.

April 12, 2022 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)

The Ethical and Religious Directives and the Beginning of Life

Presenter: Anthony Santamaria, PhD

An exploration and discussion of some of the key concepts and teachings that are at the heart of the Ethical and Religious Directives governing beginning of life issues, including case studies.

May 17, 2022 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)

Brain Death Update: Legal and Ethical Issues

Presenter: Alan Sori, MD, FACS

We will explore some of the ethical and legal issues regarding the declaration of death by neurologic criteria. Recent ethical objections to brain death determination, state specific legal considerations, and our revised hospital policy will be discussed.

For additional information please call 973-754-4550.