



2022 – 2023 Ethics at Noon  
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 lunch.  
Bottled water will be provided.**

**October 13, 2022 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)**

*Concerns to Prescribing High Cost Medication to Newborns/Children*

Presenter: Punita Gupta, MD, FACMG

We will be exploring how high drug prices can affect patient care in many ways, including limiting access to treatment, increasing the burden of administrative tasks, and contributing to physician burnout. We will discuss ethical concerns raised by high drug costs, primarily focusing on concerns around distributive justice, and we will discuss some case presentations highlighting these scenarios.

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

*Understanding and Exploring the Ethical and Religious Directives in Catholic Health Care*

Presenter: Anthony Santamaria, PhD

This presentation will provide an overview and general discussion of the Ethical and Religious Directives (ERDs) governing Catholic health care, including an exploration of the principles underlying them and the six areas of guidance that they provide.

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

*Medical Ethics in the Islamic Tradition*

Presenters: Mohamed Elagami, MD

Sheikh Osamah Salhis, Imam, ICPC Clifton

At St. Joseph's Health, we serve a large Muslim community from Passaic County. Sheikh Osamah and Dr. Elagami will present general medical ethics from the faith.

**January 19, 2023 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)**

*“Just Culture” in Health Care*

Presenters: Christiam Fajardo, DNP, RN, CCRN, NVRN-BC  
Marjory Langer, MD, FACEP

A deeply distressing verdict for a healthcare worker: “Nurse Vaught Sentenced for Deadly Medical Error”. This presentation will explore ways to improve patient safety.

**February 16, 2023 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)**

*Personal Genetic Information: Is it for Sale?*

Presenter: Alan Sori, MD, FACS

Genetic analysis is used for multiple medical indications and for various personal pursuits such as ancestry determination. As this data is becoming more publically available, a number of social and ethical issues have arisen. We will discuss privacy implications and medical and social ethical issues that have arisen.

**April 20, 2023 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)**

*Ethical Issues Surrounding Organ Donation After Circulatory Death*

Presenter: Alan Sori, MD, FACS

Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD) is becoming more common in the United States and used frequently in Europe. We will discuss a number of ethical issues surrounding DCD donation including consent, the use of potentially dangerous medications and in some cases, potential violations of the dead donor rule.

**May 18, 2023 (Webex and SJUMC Auditoriums, Noon – 1:00 pm)**

*Ethical and Religious Directives, End of Life, and a Patient’s Right to Refuse “Extraordinary Care”*

Presenters: Deacon Lawrence Duffy, Director, Pastoral Care  
Anthony Santamaria, PhD

An examination of one of the most challenging areas of health care ethics – end of life issues – with a special focus on a patient’s right to refuse extraordinary care or care that they regard as excessively burdensome.

***For additional information please call 973-754-4550.***