

“Artificial Nutrition and Hydration: The Ethics-Evidence Disconnect”

Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Noon – 1:15 pm

10th Floor of the Comprehensive Cancer Center
Conference Room 10-B & 10-C
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Program Overview

Artificial nutrition and hydration (ANH) as treatment for patients with terminal illness and/or advanced dementia has undergone important changes in the past 40 years. Following initial debate as to whether ANH could ethically be withheld, evidence accumulated to demonstrate that ANH in these conditions did not prolong life and often led to harmful side effects. Despite this, a new wave of demand for ANH followed the Schiavo case in 2003. Barriers to the refusal of ANH currently exist for patients, physicians, and facility administrators.

Who Should Participate

Physicians, Nurses, Clergy, Social Workers, Mental Health, any interested healthcare professional.

Agenda

Noon – 1:00 pm Introduction and Presentation
1:00 – 1:15 pm Meet the Speaker / Q and A

Faculty



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M.D. Michigan State University 1976; PhD (Philosophy) Michigan State University 1977; Family Medicine residency, University of Virginia, 1977-80; Professor of Family Medicine, Philosophy, and Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, Michigan State University, 1980-2006; Director, Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, 2006-2014; author of *The Future of Bioethics* (2009), *Hooked: Ethics, the Medical Profession, and the Pharmaceutical Industry* (2007), *The Healer's Power* (1992), *Stories of Sickness* (1987); member, National Academy of Medicine.

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Objectives

Upon completion of this knowledge-based program, participants should be able to:

- Review stages of development of ANH between 1976 and present.
- Explain arguments showing ANH is futile and harmful in terminal illness and dementia.
- List barriers to withholding of tube feedings.

Registration

Registration for this free course can be completed online or on-site. You are welcome to bring your own lunch.

Note—Registering for and attending this program authorizes Northwest AHEC/Wake Forest School of medicine to take pictures to be used for the Center's publications, website (including social media sites) and presentations.

Credit

1.0 Contact Hours from Northwest AHEC

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