27th Annual BENO Conference
April 28, 2017
“The Ethical Decisions at the End of Life”

Our Keynote Speaker:
Dennis M. Sullivan, MD, MA
Professor of Pharmacy Practices
Cedarville University

Our Keynote Speaker has worked as a medical missionary in Haiti, the West Indies and in the Central African Republic. As a member of the faculty at Cedarville University, he teaches medical ethics and law and directs the university’s Center for Bioethics. He will address “Assisted Suicide: The Legal and Ethical Landscape” in his presentation.
Dear BENO Members and Friends,

I am excited to share with you the outstanding program planned for our 27th Annual Conference. The theme of this conference is “Ethical Decisions at the End of Life”. The next page has summaries of the topics you can choose from. Among the topics covered – the result of collaboration between the planning committee and the Board - are: physician–assisted suicide, palliative sedation, ethical issues in pediatrics and the NICU, conscience rights for caregivers, family communication and Ohio legal update.

Be sure to share this program with your graduate students, interns, residents, fellows and colleagues. There will be time to “network” during the luncheon and throughout the day at the various breakout sessions.

Although it’s possible to register for the conference by mailing a check, I urge you to use a credit card and register online at www.BenoEthics.org. (Remember to REGISTER EARLY!) If you haven’t renewed your membership or joined BENO yet, there is still time for you and/or your institution to become a member and SAVE on conference fees. Information on membership options is available on the website.

Knowing the benefits of BENO’s ongoing educational mission, please join us on Friday, April 28th at OCLC in Columbus.

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Location, Directions & Room Reservations: The conference is being held at OCLC (On Line Computer Library Center), 6565 Kilgour Place, in Dublin, just off I-270 & 1/4 mile from the hotel. When you approach the intersection of Route 161/33 & Franz Rd., from I-270, the street sign is misleading. Be sure to turn north (left) toward Post Rd., and then make an immediate right. You’ll be on Kilgour Place. For additional information visit: www.oclc.org/conferencecenter.

Rooms are available at the Courtyard Columbus Dublin, 5175 Post Rd., Dublin, OH. For a detailed map & directions, go to www.marriott.com. For reservations, call the hotel reservation line 1-800-228-9290 or 614-764-9393 and identify yourself as part of the Bioethics Network of Ohio April 2017 group staying at the Courtyard Columbus Dublin on Post Road. The special rate of $121 for king rooms is available through April 6, 2017.
27th Annual Bioethics Network of Ohio Conference

8:00 – 8:30 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 am  Welcome
8:45 – 9:45 am  Keynote Address: “Assisted Suicide: The Legal & Ethical Landscape”, Dennis Sullivan, MD, MA

Until recently, the AMA has opposed assisted suicide in its Code of Ethics, claiming it’s “fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer.” Nonetheless, at its 2016 annual meeting, the AMA House of Delegates voted to study “aid in dying,” with the possibility of changing its ethical stand to “neutral” on assisted suicide for 2017. This presentation examines the current legal and ethical terrain of medically-assisted death, with an evaluation of both sides of this controversial and contentious issue.

9:45 – 10:45am  Jim Barlow Memorial Lecture: “Maneuvering Through Current Day Ethical Challenges in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit”, Allison Protain, DO, MA

Tremendous strides in the field of Neonatology have enabled some of the smallest and sickest neonates to survive. The NICU must find the balance between its best interest and avoiding harmful treatments that promote suffering. Communication with families is an essential element to ensure that babies get optimal care. Challenging ethical cases will be presented with strategies to assist the health care team maneuver through these difficult situations.

10:45 – 11:00 am  Break and Refreshments
11:00 – 12:15 pm  Concurrent Breakout Sessions  Please select one and enter it on the registration form

1. “Conscience Right for Pharmacists”, Justin Cole, PharmD, BCPS.
   On occasion, pharmacists may find that a treatment conflicts with their moral, ethical or religious beliefs. Unlike physicians and nurses, they are often not afforded conscience protection, which may leave them vulnerable for disciplinary or legal actions. This presentation explores the current legal, ethical and professional facets of a pharmacist’s right of conscience, with a focus on the issues of contraception and medically-assisted death.

   Ethics consultants are in a unique position to facilitate consensus-building consistent with applicable ethical frameworks. The presenters will review the goals of conflict management in challenging cases and the ethics consultants role, and utilizing a series of vignettes, demonstrate conflict management strategies and tools. Participants will be given the opportunity to practice their conflict management skills.

3. “When Telling the Truth is Hard to Do: Ethical Issues in Family Communication”, Kristy Matheson, BA, LSW.
   One of the greatest challenges for those caring for elderly or terminally-ill family members is sharing with them the reality of their situation. This interactive workshop will examine such questions as: should the truth always be told, what is the power of family secrets and what are the challenges of family agreement? It will explore the principles of telling the truth to terminally-ill family members and strategies for communication management.

12:15 – 1:15 pm  Lunch and BENO Business Meeting
1:15 – 2:30 pm  Concurrent Breakout Sessions  Please select one and enter it on the registration form

   The modern hospice and palliative care movement brought renewed focus to the doctrine of double effect. The doctrine of double effect, however, is not only controversial, it’s also frequently misused. This presentation provides an historical and theoretical consideration and critique of the doctrine of double effect. The question of it’s applicability and validity will be addressed with opioid prescribing, palliative sedation and aid in dying being the main examples discussed.

5. “Continuing the Conversation: What Ethical Choices After an Aid in Dying Law Passes”, Paul Ford, PhD, Lisa Schattinger, MSN, RN.
   Around the country, aids in dying laws continue to be passed by state legislators. They have subtle nuances that make an ethical difference in the choices faced by those who support or oppose participating in the processes related to aid in dying. In this session, participants will have an opportunity to discuss professional responsibilities that balance obligations to care and respect differences of opinion with obligation to protect vulnerable patients and follow one's conscience.

6. “Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking (VSED) at the End of Life”, Martin Smith, STD.
   An increasing number of patients with life-limiting medical conditions are choosing to forgo oral intake of food and fluids as a means of hastening their deaths. This session explores ways to be prepared to ethically respond to patient requests for information, assistance, and symptom management related to VSED. This interactive session uses case scenarios to explore, (a) ethically-relevant distinctions among patients’ clinical conditions and (b) professionals’ responses to patients who express a desire for VSED.

2:30 – 3:00 pm  Break and Refreshments and Meet the BENO Board
3:00 – 4:00 pm  Founders’ Plenary: Honoring James E. Reagen, PhD, “Current Legal Issues in Bioethics”, Corey D. Perry, JD, MDiv. Given the ever-changing nature of healthcare and its delivery, jurisdictions – and the society at large – are constantly challenged to create normative standards regarding what and how services will be delivered. Therefore, it’s critically important to attend to the legal issues that are being raised across the country as well as within Ohio’s jurisdiction. This presentation explores several of the most salient and challenging legal issues in bioethics both nationally and within Ohio.

4:00 – 4:15 pm  Closing, Evaluations & Certificates
27th Annual Bioethics Network of Ohio - Conference Registration Form

Friday, April 28, 2017

The Conference Center at OCLC (On Line Computer Library Center) Dublin, OH

Please make a copy of this form for your records.

Register & pay on-line @ www.BenoEthics.org using your existing BENO account or by setting up a new one.

Or make your check payable to BENO, and mail it with this completed registration form to:

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☐ I am a Conference Speaker (please register at no cost).

☐ I am from a Hospital System. (Eligible for 3 complimentary conference registrations.) Please coordinate through your institution’s contact & use contact’s or your on-line account if not paying by check.

Morning Breakouts: 11 am – 12:15 pm

SELECT & CHECK ONE:

☐ 1. Conscience Rights for Pharmacists
☐ 2. Managing Conflicts/End-of-Life Decisions
☐ 3. The Ethics of Family Communication

Afternoon Breakouts: 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

SELECT & CHECK ONE:

☐ 4. Avoidance of Harm & Evil in the Case of Dying
☐ 5. Ethical Choices after Aid in Dying Law Passes
☐ 6. VSED at the End of Life

Lunch: ☐ Regular lunch menu or ☐ Vegetarian lunch menu

Fee Schedule: Check your classification below

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No same day registrations  NO REFUNDS after April 13, 2017.

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Note that the some sessions may not be appropriate for Social Worker or Counselor continuing education. Please contact Beth Griebel, bgriebel@leadingageohio with any questions.

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Criteria for successful completion & receipt of 6.0 Contact/Clock hours:

Attending the entire session(s). Participant will receive contact hours only for session(s) attended.

Prorated contact hours will be offered.