



Workshop: Ethical Decision Making in Emergency Medicine

Dealing with the tough cases

This interactive workshop is designed for doctors, nurses and allied health professionals working in a range of critical care settings. When faced with increasing time and resource constraints there is often limited opportunity to deliberate on the ethical pros and cons of clinical decisions. You will be provided with an opportunity to reflect on your practice and will develop practical tools to apply to patient care within an ethical framework.

Presented by the Centre for Integrated Critical Care, University of Melbourne, the workshop will be facilitated by emergency clinicians, clinical ethicists and legal experts. Participants will be provided with opportunities for in-depth discussion and interaction with like-minded peers.

Topics covered include:

- Overview of ethical principles and tools to assist decision making
- Case-based group discussions covering topics such as: refusal of care; end of life decision making; futility of care
- Ethics and the law
- Practical tools to take away and apply in your own work setting.

What will you learn?

- Explore ethical challenges that arise in critical care, based on case studies from Emergency Medicine
- Develop strategies to prepare for and address ethically challenging situations in clinical practice
- Apply legal and ethical principles when delivering patient care.

**Date:**

Thursday 15th August 2019

Time:

12pm—5:30pm

Cost:

\$240 (incl GST) per person, includes light lunch and afternoon tea

Places are limited, to facilitate effective group discussion

Venue:

Upper East Dining Room, University House, Professors' Walk, The University of Melbourne

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Facilitators



Professor George Braitberg AM

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Professor Braitberg is an emergency physician and Director of Strategy, Quality and Improvement at Melbourne Health and Deputy co-director at the Centre for Integrated Critical Care The University of Melbourne. He completed the Master of Bioethics and has a strong interest in ethical decision making in emergency settings, disaster medicine and education for emergency physicians.



Professor Clare Delany

PhD, MHIth&Med Law, MPhysio, BApp Sci (Physio)

Professor Delany is a clinical ethicist at the Children's Bioethics Centre at the Royal Children's Hospital, and conducts and supervises clinical education research at the Department of Medical Education, Melbourne Medical School. Clare has a Master's in Health & Med Law and a PhD in Medical Ethics. Clare's research covers applied health ethics, paediatric bioethics, clinical reasoning, and building resilience for clinical learning.



Associate Professor Michael Ben-Meir

MBBS, FACEM, MBioethics, GCMA

Associate Professor Ben-Meir is an emergency physician and Director of Emergency at Cabrini Health. He completed a Masters of Bioethics at The University of Melbourne focusing on refusal of care, competence assessments and justifications for the use of restraint. He sat on the Cabrini research ethics committee for 9 years and is the current Chair of the Emergency Clinical Care Network, Safer Care Victoria.



Dr Marija Kirjanenko

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Dr Kirjanenko is an emergency physician at Austin Health and Epworth Hospital, Geelong. She has a Certificate in Philosophy and has a special interest in virtue ethics and moral philosophy. Dr Kirjanenko's research interests include autonomy and its role in the modern emergency department, and how cultural background can offer new perspectives on complex ethical questions.



Andrea de Souza

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Andrea is a barrister who practises primarily in medical negligence and personal injuries. Prior to coming to the Bar, she represented and advised both plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of health law related issues. She sits on the Human Research Ethics Committee of Melbourne IVF. She is currently undertaking a Masters of Health and Medical Law at the University of Melbourne.

A similar workshop will be offered at the ACEM ASM, 17th November, 2019.

This workshop is accredited for 5 ACEM CPD hours. Certificates of attendance will be provided.

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