







Ethics at End of Life

- Why do ethics issues so often arise here?

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- Very broad topic
- Certain questions not addressed directly today
 - Assisted suicide
 - Euthanasia, palliative sedation
 - Advance care planning
 - Personal Directives Act
 - Withdrawing/withholding care

Good Death/Dying

- What supports a “good death” or a “good dying process”?

Goals for Conference

- Identify at least two reasons why ethics issues often arise in the context of providing care at end of life
- Identify a wide range of ethics issues related to care and decision-making at end of life.
- Increase awareness of strategies that can help health professionals to address ethical challenges faced at end of life

Orienting Themes

- **Challenges of working in a death-denying context**
 - Creating a vision of a "good death"
- **Building skill sets for effective end of life care**
 - Difficult conversations
 - Culturally competent care
 - Pain management
 - Advance care planning conversations
 - Whose job are they?
- **Influence of context**
 - Community vs. hospital
 - Rural v. urban
 - Patient – young vs. elderly
- **Unique challenges in providing care at end of life**
 - Fluids & nutrition
 - Palliative sedation
 - Spiritual care
- **Decision making at end of life**
 - Shared decision making with patients and families
 - Decisions about initiating/withholding treatment and withdrawing treatment
- **Ambiguities at end of life**
 - "Aggressive" care
 - "Do everything"
 - "Futile" care
 - DNR/DNAR/AND

Short Film

- The Lady and the Reaper
