

## The Future of Healthcare Ethics Podcast by EthicsLab

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### Summary

How is it possible to have good policy and law in place and still have bad care? This is just one of several questions addressed in this EthicsLab podcast on the future of health care ethics. The EthicsLab podcast series explore the path from better knowledge to practical results in health care ethic. In this (third) episode, James Corbett, senior vice-president of Community Health and Values, Mildred Z. Solomon, President of the Hastings Centre, NY, and professor at Harvard Medical School, Amy Haddad, President of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, and director of the Creighton University Centre for Health, Policy and Ethics, and Associate Professor Christy Simpson, Head of the Department of Bioethics in the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University, Canada, describe the moment they first became interested in health care ethics, and discuss the questions that drive their research as well as areas of focus for health care ethics in the future.

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### Questions for discussion:

- Dr. Solomon reports on a study of critical care physicians' and nurses' opinions, views, and beliefs about end of life treatment. According to the study a high percentage of critical care physicians said they were acting against their conscience when providing care to the terminally ill, and in most cases felt they were over-treating their patients. Why do you think this is the case?
- Dr. Haddad talks about differences in the ethical issues encountered by health care professionals in a home care setting versus a hospital setting. Discuss some different strategies to promote dialogue among health care providers about the unique ethical issues encountered in the home care setting.
- Dr. Simpson argues that the ethical principles and values central at play in healthcare ethics are oriented towards the urban health care setting or the acute health care setting. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- How may the geographic location - rural versus urban - affect the values that are considered relevant in health care?
- James Corbett talks about distrust in health care providers and/or the health care system and the importance of dialogue and education to overcome this. Discuss different roles for ethics in building trust in the health care system.