



The North Simcoe Muskoka Palliative Care Network *presents*

HOT TOPICS & ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN PALLIATIVE CARE

4th Annual Spring Palliative Care Conference

Open to all palliative care providers

Tuesday April 24, 2012 0815-1600 hours

Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville, Ontario

KEY NOTE PRESENTER: DR. KERRY W. BOWMAN, PhD

“The Ethics of End of Life Decisions”

Whether it be putting an elderly person in a nursing home on antibiotic or taking an ICU patient off life support, end of life decisions are all around us in our practice. In contemporary Canadian society there is confusion, disagreement & litigation on this difficult question. When conflict emerges it is often as much about who ought to make the decisions as what decisions ought to be made.

How can these decisions best be made in as ethical a way as possible & who should make them?

This presentation will review the complex legal & ethical parameters of end of life decision making & propose a model for consideration.

Dr. Kerry Bowman has a Ph.D. in Bioethics, a fellowship in Cultural Psychiatry and a Masters degree in Social Work. Dr. Bowman is the Clinical Ethicist at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, and is also an Assistant Professor in Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto and teaches at the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics.

CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS:

Transitioning to Adult Programs

Joyce Thornton & Jennifer Washington, NSMCCAC & Dianne Dekkers, Hospital for Sick Children Interlink Nurse

- information on the transition processes/issues in the Simcoe & Muskoka areas & an overview of the HSC “Good to Go” Program

Death Matters—The Marriage of ICU Medicine and Palliative Care at the End of Life

Sherry Hubbert, RN, RVH Intensive Care Unit – *This session will discuss the facilitation of compassionate end of life care in the dynamic and ethically challenging environment of the ICU*

Organ & Tissue Donation: Saving and Transforming Lives at End of Life

Cathy Ritter RN, BScN, Organ & Tissue Donation Coordinator, Trillium Gift of Life Network

— Information, updates and issues associated with organ donation in Ontario

Dying at the Margins: Palliative Care for the Homeless/Underhoused

Beth Pelton, RN, BScN, Street Health Community Nursing Foundation, Toronto

& Laura Fairly, RN, BScN, PhD Nursing Student, Perram House Residential Hospice Toronto

- Participants will learn about issues of living homeless & marginalized; often with Mental Health & Addictions challenges.

Drug Abuse in Palliative Care

Marjori Medley, Pharmacist — *Explore the risk of addiction/dependence in palliative care; depression/suicide risk in palliative care; treating palliative patients with history of drug abuse/addiction; diversion of medication in palliative setting: who/what to watch for & how to prevent.*

"STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT - Managing stress using humour, fun & positive attitude"

Mike Moore, B.A. M.Ed., Speaker/Humorist/Cartoonist.

Tips, tools & techniques to manage stress & maintain the joy of living. Come prepared to laugh and learn!

Back by popular demand!

FEE SCHEDULE

Regular Rate: \$65.00

Network Members: \$58.50

Volunteers/Students: \$50.00

Includes conference package, breaks, lunch and certificate of attendance

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