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# **“ETHICS AND LIFE-SUSTAINING THERAPY - WEIGHING BENEFIT AND BURDEN: VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES”**

**Date:** Friday, 27 January 2012

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00am

**Location:** Clinical Sciences Building, Room 2-117

### Objectives:

1. To highlight the challenges that arise with life-sustaining therapy, including patient refusal and futility.
2. To discuss the ethical and legal aspects of life-sustaining therapy, in general.
3. In particular to discuss the moral aspects of withdrawal of VAD support, both following patient refusal and in the case of medical futility.

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