

# REGISTRATION FORM

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The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta is an interdisciplinary centre committed to work in health ethics. We endeavour to promote ethical engagement, mutual respect and critical reflection on matters of moral concern in health care. We aim for excellence in four interdependent domains of activity: interdisciplinary scholarship, clinical ethics, health policy consultation, and professional and public bioethics education.

## Target Audience

The symposium is open to everyone and may have special interest to:

- Health Care Practitioners
- Scholars and Students in Health Sciences, Law and Humanities
- Clinical Ethics Committee Members and Ethicists
- Health Care Administrators



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## John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

### Health Ethics Symposium

# Disability Ethics



Friday, 15 October 2010

8:45 AM - 4:30 PM

**Wild Rose Room, Lister Centre**

University of Alberta Conference Centre

University of Alberta

87 Avenue & 116 Street

Edmonton, Alberta



The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre invites you to attend a one-day symposium on disability ethics. The symposium will introduce participants to disability ethics, help refine the concept of disability ethics and clarify its relationship with traditional health ethics.

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### AGENDA

- 8:45-9:15 Registration & Coffee**
- 9:15-9:30 Welcome and Introduction**  
- Dick Sobsey, EdD
- 9:30-10:30 Disability Ethics: Making Ethics Accessible**  
- Dick Sobsey, EdD  
- Heidi Janz, PhD
- 10:30-10:45 Break**
- 10:45-11:45 "They Don't Look Disabled to Me"**  
- Laura Shanner, PhD
- 11:45-12:45 Catered Lunch**
- 12:45-1:45 Difference and Disability: The Necessity of Recognition and Rights**  
- Wendy Austin, RN, PhD
- 1:45-2:45 Disability and Flourishing**  
- Brendan Leier, PhD
- 2:45-3:00 Break**
- 3:00-4:00 Ethical Considerations at the Beginning of Life: Supporting Families in NICU and PICU Decision-Making**  
- Gary Goldsand, MA  
- Anna Zadunayski, LLB
- 4:00-4:20 Group Discussion**
- 4:20-4:30 Wrap Up**



### PRESENTATIONS

#### Disability Ethics: Making Ethics Accessible

Dick Sobsey, EdD and Heidi Janz, PhD

This session will provide a general introduction and overview of Disability Ethics as the theme for this year's Health Ethics Symposium. Previewing the topics of the various sessions in the Symposium we will explore what it means to make Ethics accessible to people with disabilities, and why such accessibility is vitally needed.

#### "They Don't Look Disabled to Me"

Laura Shanner, PhD

Some disabilities are readily apparent to bystanders, but others - such as chronic pain, chronic fatigue, many illnesses and most brain disorders - are invisible. What can we learn from things we can't see? How should ethics, policy and interpersonal interaction engage with limitations that aren't obvious?

#### Difference and Disability: The Necessity of Recognition and Rights

Wendy Austin, RN, PhD  
CRC, Relational Ethics in Health Care

How does a community come to understand the situation of its disabled members? What role does the concept of "rights" play in safeguarding disabled persons? The need for communities and nations to recognize their role in the well-being of citizens deemed "disabled" will be addressed.

#### Disability and Flourishing

Brendan Leier, PhD

I hope to explore the pitfalls and clinical limitations of traditional conceptions of "quality of life" used to justify the provision or withdrawal of potentially burdensome treatment. In its place, I present a framework to understand quality of life exclusively in terms of flourishing through the fulfillment of capacities and explain why this framework is better suited to practical clinical decision-making.

#### Ethical Considerations at the Beginning of Life: Supporting Families in NICU and PICU Decision-Making

Gary Goldsand, MA and Anna Zadunayski, LLB

Determining the appropriate philosophy of care for newborns with severe, life-threatening conditions represents one of the most challenging issues faced by families and clinicians. This paper explores ways that health care teams can support parents facing ethical dilemmas in the NICU and PICU.



### SPEAKERS

#### Wendy Austin, RN, PhD



Wendy Austin is a Professor in the Faculty of Nursing with a joint appointment to the John Dossetor Health Ethics and holds a Canada Research Chair in Relational Ethics in Health Care.

#### Gary Goldsand, MA



Gary Goldsand is a Clinical Ethicist with Alberta Health Services based at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, and an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta.

#### Heidi Janz, PhD



Heidi Janz is a Postdoctoral Fellow and Co-Investigator, Defining Disability Ethics Project, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre.

#### Brendan Leier, PhD



Brendan Leier is the Clinical Ethicist at the University of Alberta Hospital, Stollery Children's Hospital and Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, with an appointment to the John Dossetor Health Centre.

#### Laura Shanner, PhD



Laura Shanner is an Associate Professor and Ethics Educator Coordinator in the School of Public Health with a joint appointment to the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre.

#### Dick Sobsey, EdD



Dick Sobsey is a Professor of Educational Psychology and currently serves as Director of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and Associate Director of the J.P. Das Developmental Disabilities Centre, University of Alberta.

#### Anna Zadunayski, LLB



Anna Zadunayski is a Calgary-based Clinical Ethicist, litigation and research lawyer, and writer. She is also a Research Associate in the University of Calgary, Office of Medical Bioethics and is a University of Calgary Faculty of Medicine preceptor in the areas of medical law and ethics. Anna has a particular interest in perinatal ethics.