

SURGICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE

Tuesday, September 1st & Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST:

12:30PM-1PM REGISTRATION

1PM-2PM SESSION 1: DIFFICULT CASES IN EMERGENCY SURGERY

Moderator - Dr. Alex Lois

- 1:00PM TRAUMA SURGERY CASE PRESENTATION - Dr. Erika Bisgaard
- 1:20PM TRAUMA SURGERY DISCUSSANT - Dr. Kathleen O'Connell
- 1:30PM EMERGENCY GENERAL SURGERY CASE PRESENTATION - Dr. Estell Williams
- 1:50PM EMERGENCY GENERAL SURGERY DISCUSSANT - Dr. Daniel Kim
- 2:00PM ELECTIVE SURGERY CASE PRESENTATION - Dr. Nick Cetrulo
- 2:20PM ELECTIVE SURGERY DISCUSSANT - Dr. Andrew Wright

2:30PM BREAK

2:45PM-4PM SESSION 2: CURRENT TOPICS IN SURGICAL ETHICS

- 2:45PM THE ETHICS OF RURAL SURGICAL ACCESS: APPLYING PRINCIPLES OF BIOMEDICAL ETHICS TO REGIONAL SURGICAL CARE - Dr. Connie Shao
- 3:00PM THE ETHICAL FORMATION OF SURGEONS - Dr. Jukes Namm
- 3:15PM THE ETHICAL CONFLICTS OF RESIDENT TRAINING - Dr. Catherine Hunter
- 3:30PM CURRENT ISSUES IN LIVER TRANSPLANTATION - Dr. Martin Montenovo
- 3:45PM MAID IN CANADA: A SURGEON'S PERSPECTIVE - Dr. Karen Devon

4:00PM END OF DAY 1

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND:

6:30AM-7:30AM GRAND ROUNDS & LIFETIME AWARD PRESENTATION

Dr. Ronald Maier - "Our Calling"

8AM-9AM SESSION 3: ETHICS OF SURGICAL INNOVATION

8:00AM INFORMED CONSENT IN CLINICAL TRIALS - Dr. Alex Lois

8:10AM MEET THE PATIENTS WHERE THEY ARE: STANDARDIZED EDUCATION TO IMPROVE INFORMED CONSENT - Dr. Giana Davidson

8:20AM ETHICAL ASPECTS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SURGERY - Dr. Alberto Ferreres

8:30AM UNIQUE PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY SURGICAL CASE - Dr. Andrew Shuman

8:40AM PANEL DISCUSSION

9AM-10AM SESSION 4: RESIDENT PRESENTATIONS Moderator - Dr. Andrew Wright Discussants - Dr. Alex Lois & Dr. Ronald Maier

10AM BREAK

10:30AM-12PM SESSION 5: ETHICS AT THE END OF LIFE

10:30AM ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF WITHHOLDING/WITHDRAWING AT THE END STAGE OF LIFE - Dr. Claudia Sotomayor

10:45AM WHO DECIDES WHEN CARE BECOMES NON-BENEFICIAL - Dr. Andrew Wright

11:00AM MORAL INJURY, INVOLUNTARY SIN, & THE EXCEPTIONAL CASE ST. LUKE THE SURGEON OF SIMFEROPOL - Dr. Ryan Nash

11:15AM SURGICAL ONCOLOGY PERSPECTIVE - Dr. Sabha Ganai

11:30AM SICU PERSPECTIVE - Dr. Beth Ann Reimel

11:45AM PANEL DISCUSSION

12PM LUNCH

1PM-2:30PM SESSION 6: ETHICS AND EDUCATION

1:00PM SURGICAL ETHICS ACROSS THE TRAINING TRAJECTORY - Dr. Andrew Shuman

1:15PM THE ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF CHARACTER FORMATION IN SURGICAL TRAINING - Dr. Eric Singer

1:30PM TRAINEE OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION IN CARE - Dr. Shane Morrison

1:45PM THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM - Dr. Baila Maqbool

2:00PM PANEL DISCUSSION

2:30PM END OF DAY 2

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