

26th Annual Ethics Speaker Series

November 13th, 20th and 27th, 2024

THE ETHICS OF WITHHOLDING CPR AND NO-CPR ORDERS

In March 2023, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) updated their “Decision-making for end-of-life care” policy following a court decision that clarified that writing a no-CPR order does not constitute treatment and therefore does not require patient consent. However, the CPSO also noted that the clinician must consider the patient’s wishes and beliefs and communicate in a transparent fashion before writing a no-CPR order. This year’s speaker series will focus on some of the ethical issues associated with withholding resuscitative measures. We will explore this topic from a legal perspective, cultural and religious perspectives, and from the community and post-acute care contexts. We are aware that many healthcare organizations are in the process of updating their policies on no-CPR orders and this speaker series is meant to help broaden the conversation about withholding CPR and no-CPR orders.

Registration is free but required. Please click the link below to register:

https://ca01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_22x-khuCTpyrEBJF2repUA

Physicians will be eligible to receive one Section 1 **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** credit as certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Links for providing feedback and registering for CPD credit will be available in the live session.

Please join us for one or more of our free, online lunch time sessions.

See below for more details.

Date & Time **Wednesday, November 13 | 12-1**

Title **No harm without potential benefit: The legal status of no-CPR orders in Ontario**

Speaker Melanie de Wit, JD, MPH, Chief Legal Officer, Unity Health Toronto, Adjunct Lecturer, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto

Date & Time **Wednesday, November 20 | 12-1**

Title **Different cultural and religious perspectives regarding no-CPR orders**

Panelists Fr. Mark Miller, C.Ss.R., PhD, MDiv, Visiting Scholar, Providence Healthcare (BC), Clinical Ethicist, Centre for Clinical Ethics

Amira Ayad, PhD, Spiritual Care Practitioner, Scarborough Health Network

Rabbi Ronald Weiss, MA, Director of Chaplaincy Services at Jewish Family and Child Services; Chaplain, Jewish Hospice Program; Chaplain at large, Toronto Police Service

Date & Time **Wednesday, November 27 | 12-1**

Title **Withholding CPR and no-CPR orders in the community and post-acute care settings**

Panelists Giulia-Anna Perri, MD, CCFP (COE) (PC), Medical Director, Palliative Care, Baycrest Health Sciences, Assistant Professor, Division of Palliative Care, University of Toronto

Representatives from The Central East Prehospital Care Program

Naheed Dosani, MSC, MD, CCFP(PC), FCFP, BSc
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