

DETAILED PROGRAM

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON END OF LIFE LAW, ETHICS, POLICY, AND PRACTICE

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 PAUL O'REGAN HALL, HALIFAX CENTRAL LIBRARY 5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, NS	
7:00 pm	Opening Plenary - The Story of Law Reform in Canada <i>Chair, Constance MacIntosh</i> Joseph Arvay, James Cowan, and Mona Gupta
Thursday, September 14, 2017 WORLD TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE	
7:30 am	Registration Begins (Lobby, Level 2)
8:15 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks (Room 200C)
8:30 – 10:00 am Room 200C	Plenary 2 – Empirical Studies: What Do We Know About End of Life Decisions Making Around the World? <i>Chair, Agnes van der Heide</i> Luc Deliens, Linda Ganzini, Bregje Onwuteaka-Philipsen, and Lindy Willmott
10:00 – 10:20 am	Break (Refreshments) (Atrium, Level 3)
10:20 – 11:50 am	Concurrent Session 1 (Level 3)
Room 301	Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) – Early Experiences and Practical Considerations in Nova Scotia and PEI (Panel) Gordon Gubitza, Liana Brittain, Tim Holland, Matthew Kutcher, Robyn MacQuarrie, and Lianne Yoshida
Room 302	End-of-Life Issues in Canadian Prisons (Panel) Adelina Iftene, Crystal Dieleman, and David Hooley
Room 303	Dutch GPs' Views on Good Dying and Euthanasia Katja ten Cate Medical Aid in Dying in New York State: Physician Attitudes and Impact of Framing Bias Brendan Parent Physicians' Perceptions of Aid in Dying in Vermont Ari Kirshenbaum
Room 304	The Ethics of POLST Lloyd Steffen The Perils of POLST Jean Abbott ACP Without Paper: Adventures in Cyberspace Peter Saul
Room 305	End of Life Regulation and Recent Evolutions in France Veronique Fournier To Live and Let Die. Withholding and Withdrawing Life Sustaining Treatment in Argentina: From Therapeutic to Judicial Obstinacy Maria Ciruzzi Adolescent Capacity to Refuse Life Prolonging Medical Intervention and Transformative Experience Isra Black

Room 306	<p>Challenges in End of Life Care and Medical Assistance in Dying: Towards a Relational Ethics Approach Patricia Rodney</p> <p>The Shift Away from ‘Suicide’ Talk: Incorporating Voices of Experience Phoebe Friesen</p> <p>Elderly Who are Ready to Give Up on Life and the Right to Autonomy Michelle Habets</p>
Room 307	<p>“Rock, Paper, Scissors” – Ideologies of End of Life Care for Older People in Hospital Laura Green</p> <p>The Cultural Construction of End of Life Issues in Biomedicine: Anthropological Perspectives Betty Wolder Levin</p> <p>Caregiver Perspectives of Palliative and End of Life Care for Individuals at End-Stage Dementia in Newfoundland and Labrador: A Qualitative Phenomenological Perspective Barbara Mason</p>
11:50 – 12:50 pm	Lunch (Room 100, Level 1)
12:50 – 1:50 pm Room 200C	<p>Plenary 3 – Palliative Care and its Relationship with Medical Aid in Dying <i>Chair, Bregje Onwuteaka-Philipsen</i> Kenneth Chambaere, James Downar, and Eric Wasylenko</p>
1:50 – 2:10 pm	Break (Refreshments) (Atrium, Level 3)
2:10 – 3:40 pm	Concurrent Session 2 (Level 3)
Room 301	<p>Updating the Evidence about Physician-Assisted Dying and the Impact on Vulnerable Groups (Panel) Margaret Pabst Battin, Bregje Onwuteaka-Philipsen, and Agnes van der Heide</p> <p>Twenty Years of Experience with Physician-Assisted Death in Oregon Linda Ganzini</p>
Room 302	<p>Against Advance Directives for MAID Hilary Young</p> <p>Advance Directives Requesting Euthanasia in the Netherlands Liselotte Postma</p> <p>Euthanasia in Advanced Dementia: The Use of Advance Directives Suzanne van de Vathorst</p>
Room 303	<p>A Comparative Analysis of Voluntariness in the Netherlands and Oregon Physician-Assisted Dying Laws Michaela Okninski</p> <p>Should Medical Input be Required in Completion of Advance Care Directives? Deborah Lawson</p> <p>Should Assisted Dying Require the Consent of a High Court Judge? Penney Lewis</p>

Room 304	<p>Not “Worth” It? Doctors’ Perceptions of the Role of Resources in Futility Determinations Eliana Close</p> <p>Australian Doctors’ Legal Compliance in Relation to Decisions About Withholding or Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Medical Treatment Ben White</p> <p>Withdrawing Life-Prolonging Treatment from Patients in Vegetative or Minimally Conscious States in England and Wales Celia Kitzinger</p>
Room 305	<p>Conceivability of Performing Euthanasia in Cases of Psychiatric Disease, Dementia or Being Tired of Living Kirsten Evenblij</p> <p>What Characterises Complex Euthanasia Consultations? Experiences of SCEN-Physicians Roeline Pasman</p> <p>Euthanasia for People with Psychiatric Disorders or Dementia in Belgium: Analysis of Officially Reported Cases Sigrid Dierickx</p>
Room 306	<p>Palliative Care Including Euthanasia. Responses to Fundamental Criticisms of the Flemish-Belgian Model of Integral End-of-Life Care Jan Bernheim</p> <p>Fine Lines and Dr. Syme: Intention, Palliation and Death Causation in Regulation and Law Malcolm Parker</p> <p>Mapping Out the Implementation of Bill C-14 on Health Care Providers in British Columbia Rafael Wainer</p>
Room 307	<p>Ethical Issues: MAID and its Provision in Rural and Remote Settings Fiona McDonald and Christy Simpson</p> <p>Law Reform and Improving the Last Stages of Life: Preliminary Research Findings from Ontario Consultations Ryan Fritsch</p> <p>Developing and Implementing a Medical Assistance in Dying Curriculum in a Family Medicine Residency Program Susan MacDonald</p>
3:40 – 4:00 pm	Break (No Refreshments)
4:00 – 5:00 pm 4A – 200C-1 4B – 200C-2	<p>Plenary 4A – Stopping/Not Starting Potentially Life-Sustaining Treatment: The Issue of Unilateral Decision Making <i>Chair, Luc Deliens</i> Jennifer Gibson and Hilary Young</p> <p>Plenary 4B – Palliative Sedation <i>Chair, Kenneth Chambaere</i> Jocelyn Downie, Agnes van der Heide, and Joshua Wales</p>
6:30 pm for 7:00 pm	<p>Reception (Atrium, Level 3)</p> <p>Banquet (Summit Suite, Level 8)</p>

Friday, September 15, 2017 WORLD TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE

8:15 am	Welcome (Room 200C)
8:30 – 10:00 am Room 200C	Plenary 5 – Legal Status of Assisted Dying <i>Chair, Lindy Willmott</i> Joan Gilmour, Maria Gomez, Emily Jackson, and Ben White
10:00 – 10:20 am	Break (Refreshments) (Atrium, Level 3)
10:20 – 11:50 am	Concurrent Session 3 (Level 3)
Room 301	Medically Assisted Deaths on Vancouver Island – The First Year Stefanie Green Experiences of Patients and their Support People with Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada Ellen Wiebe Reasons for Requesting Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada Ellen Wiebe
Room 302	Carter vs. Rasouli – Why was One Supreme Court Decision Right and the Other Wrong? James Downar Conversations About CPR – Professional Judgement or Autonomy? James East Medical Futility Dispute Resolution Options in the United States: Law and Ethics Fundamentals Thaddeus Pope
Room 303	A Grey Area Between Palliative Sedation and Euthanasia Veerle van de Wetering An International Perspective on Patient Preferences in the Decision-Making of Continuous Sedation Until Death Agnes van der Heide The Evolving Role of Palliative Sedation in the Era of MAiD Blair Henry
Room 304	Reframing Hope: A Rehabilitation Perspective on End of Life Care (Panel) Preya Tarsney, Debjani Mukherjee, and Gayle Spill
Room 305	Experiences of Psychiatrists with (Granting) Requests for Euthanasia in Patients with Psychiatric Diseases Kirsten Evenblij Consensus View on Assisted Dying for Dementia: A Delphi Study on Key Issues and Concerns Aida Dehkhoda Expert Views on Developments in the Practice of Physician-Assisted Dying in the Netherlands Marianne Snijdwind
Room 306	Organ Donation in the Context of MAiD: Ethics, Law and Policy Jennifer Chandler Euthanasia by Organ Donation Michael Shapiro Organ Donation and Assisted Death: Are There Special Ethics Considerations? Eric Wasylenko

Room 307	<p>Advance Decisions to Refuse Treatment: Explaining Low Uptake in England and Wales Sue Wilkinson</p> <p>The Notion of Advance Directives: Headway or Hazard? Jean Abbott</p> <p>Voluntary Assisted Dying: The Proposed Framework for Victoria, Australia Deborah Lawson</p>
11:50 – 12:50 pm	Lunch (Room 200C)
12:50 – 2:20 pm	Concurrent Session 4 (Level 3)
Room 301	<p>A Year in Review: The Who, When, Why and How of Requests for Medical Aid in Dying in Quebec Lori Seller and Veronique Fraser</p> <p>Medical Aid in Dying: An Update from Québec Michelle Giroux</p> <p>Regulating MAID: The Medical Regulatory Perspective Andréa Foti</p>
Room 302	<p>Considering MAiD in Severe, Refractory Mental Illness Justine Dembo</p> <p>Are Concerns About Irremediableness, Vulnerability, or Competence Sufficient to Justify Excluding Psychiatric Patients from MAID? William Rooney</p> <p>Psychiatrists' Views on Physician-Assisted Suicide and Psychiatric Patients: A Qualitative Study Rosalie Pronk</p>
Room 303	<p>The Under-Examined End-of-Life Option: Hastening Death by Voluntary Stopping Eating and Drinking (VSED) Thaddeus Pope</p> <p>Medical Assistance in Dying and Incarcerated Persons – Special Considerations? Eric Wasylenko</p> <p>Medical Aid in Dying for Mature Minors: Re-interpreting the Problem of Decisional Capacity Kathryn Morrison</p>
Room 304	<p>Patients with Parkinson's Disease, Caregivers', and Healthcare Providers' Perspectives of Advance Care Planning for End-of-Life Care Kim Jameson</p> <p>'You're Going to Die. How Would You Like to?' Timing Discussions of End-of-Life Treatment Preferences Jaklin Elliott</p> <p>Advance Care Planning in Australia: Aspirational or Practical? Bernadette Richards</p>
Room 305	<p>The Influence of Doctors in the Australian Assisted Dying Debate Jodhi Rutherford</p> <p>The Politics Behind the Law on Assisted Dying Adam McCann</p> <p>Attitudes of Doctors on the Role of Law in End-of-Life Medical Practice: Empirical Findings from Australia Lindy Willmott</p>

Room 306	<p>A New American Threat to Open Discussion of End-of-Life Issues Robert Rivas</p> <p>Demedicalised Assistance in Suicide Martijn Hagens</p> <p>The Human Rights Implications of the Blanket Ban on Assisted Suicide in England and Wales Stevie Martin</p>
Room 307	<p>Trying and Dying: Are Some Wishes Better? Oliver Kim</p> <p>End of Life Care at the Beginning of Life Kimberly Mutcherson</p> <p>The Research Protocol of a Post-Mortem Survey on End-of-Life Decisions Laure Dombrecht</p>
2:20 – 2:40 pm	Break (Refreshments) (Atrium, Level 3)
2:40-4:40 pm Room 200C	<p>Plenary 6 – Pressure Points for Eligibility for Medical Assistance in Dying (Mature Minors, Mental illness as Sole Underlying Condition, Advance Requests) <i>Chair, Ben White</i></p> <p>Christine Chambers, Jennifer Chandler, Justine Dembo, Jennifer Gibson, Joan Gilmour, and Kenneth Rockwood</p>
4:40 pm	Closing Remarks (Room 200C)