



**2022 - 2023 Series  
WVNEC Noon Webinars  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.**

**The Ethical Dilemma of the Sandwich Generation:  
Should we allow the elderly disabled patient to  
live alone? - [October 26, 2022](#)**

**Timely APS Decisions for their Clients who are  
Critically Ill Patients - [December 7, 2022](#)**

**Stigmatization: Not for Anyone! - [March 15, 2023](#)**

**Attempted Suicide in a Patient with a DNR Order:  
What should you do? - [June 14, 2023](#)**



# Course Information

**Course Description:** Ethical issues arise in patient care on a daily basis, and hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, and home health care agencies need a mechanism to address them. The mechanism for some is an ethics committee, and for others is one or more staff who have training and/or interest in clinical healthcare ethics. This series will prepare participants to identify, analyze, and contribute to the resolution of ethical conflicts in patient care and educate them in the process of ethical decision-making, the role of ethical principles and patient values, and relevant WV health law. It will provide practical examples of the application of ethical analysis to cases in the hospital, nursing home, and hospice settings and provide references and resources for participants to build a file for future use on clinical healthcare ethics topics.

## **Learning Objectives for this webinar series:**

At the conclusion of the conference, participants should be able to:

- apply ethical principles and the process of ethical decision-making to analyze and resolve ethical conflicts in patient care;
- incorporate knowledge of WV healthcare law into the process of ethical decision-making; and
- proceed in a systematic way to make recommendations on ethically challenging cases.

**Target Audience:** This conference is appropriate for physicians, psychologists, nurses, social workers, administrators, clergy, attorneys, and ethics committee members who serve on institutional ethics committees and wish to expand their knowledge of ethical and legal issues in health care ethics consultation.

**Disclosure:** It has been determined that the content of this activity is not related to any products or services of any commercial interests, therefore, no evidence was gathered related to faculty / authors / planners' relationships with commercial interests.

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# Speakers



**Romika Dhar, MD** is an Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Section of Geriatrics, Palliative Medicine and Hospice. Dr. Dhar is a geriatric psychiatrist who specializes in dementia evaluation and management. She is trained to diagnose and treat behavioral and psychological symptoms like depression, anxiety, agitation, sleep disturbances and psychosis which are an immense source of distress for patients and a burden for caregivers. Her goal is to improve the quality of life for both patients and their families/caregivers.



**Stacie Honaker, JD** is the Risk Manager for the WVU Health Sciences Center. Stacie regularly presents educational programs on risk management, documentation and liability, informed consent, communication, confidentiality, and related legal issues to the students, residents and faculty in the clinical departments of the Health Sciences Center. Additionally, she serves as an ex-officio member of the Advisory Committee for the WVNEC.



**Suzanne Messenger, JD** is the West Virginia's State Long-term Care Ombudsman. She advocates for long-term care residents in a variety of matters related to residential long-term care including resident rights, quality of care, payment, guardianship and conservatorship, powers of attorney, health care surrogate matters, end-of-life issues, and elder abuse and exploitation.



**Daniel Miller, PhD** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Eberly College of Arts & Sciences at West Virginia University. He earned his PhD at Florida State University in 2016. His interests include ethics, moral psychology, and philosophy of action. He teaches courses in Problems of Philosophy, Current Moral Problems, Ethical Theory, Philosophy of Religion and Moral Responsibility. His research consists of work on Blameworthiness and Ignorance, and Moral Responsibility and Control.



**Amber N. Moore, BS, LSW** is the Adult Protective Services Policy Specialist for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Social Services. She manages Adult Protective Services, Substitute Decision-Making, Adult Residential Services, Request to Provide Adult Family Care, Homeless Services, Unclaimed Deceased Adult Bodies, and Legal Requirements and Processes policies. Before serving in this role, she worked as an Adult Protective Services Worker and Social Worker II providing case management for vulnerable adults across the state.



**Alvin Moss, MD, FACP, FAAHPM** is a Professor of Medicine in the Section of Geriatrics, Palliative Medicine, and Hospice at West Virginia University School of Medicine and Director, West Virginia University Center for Health Ethics and Law and West Virginia Network of Ethics Committees. Dr. Moss has performed ethics consults for more than 30 years and taught about ethics consultation at the state and national level for more than 20 years. His research includes innovations to improve advance care planning and end-of-life care.



**R. Osvaldo Navia, MD** is Section Chief of Geriatrics, Palliative Medicine, and Hospice at WVU School of Medicine. He is also the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute Medical Director & Grace Kinney Mead Endowed Chair of Geriatrics. Dr. Navia is board certified in geriatrics and palliative medicine with special interest in dementia. He has organized multiple geriatrics and palliative medicine divisions and sections in different states. In 2020 he developed the first palliative medicine fellowship program in West Virginia, and in 2022 he started a geriatrics medicine fellowship at WVU.



**Tiffany N. Phillips, LSW** serves as an Adult Services Program Manager for the Bureau for Social Services with WV DHHR. She is a Licensed Social Worker and has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Radford University. She began her career with DHHR in 2013 and has held various social work and Adult Protective Services positions, including worker, supervisor, consultant, and now program manager. In her current position, she directly supervises the APS Supervisors in forty counties, overseeing APS Investigations of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of vulnerable adults as well as the various other Adult Services programs that we offer.



**Cara Sedney, MD, MA** is an Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, is a board-certified neurosurgeon at West Virginia University (WVU) Medicine, where she also serves as the Program Director. Dr. Sedney received her medical degree and underwent neurosurgical and orthopedic spine surgery training at WVU School of Medicine. She has numerous peer-reviewed research publications and has received R-series NIH funding for her work. Dr. Sedney's research interests include implementation science in spine care, the impacts of policy on the opioid epidemic, and optimizing spinal care of underserved, rural and stigmatized patient groups.



**Karen L. Thompson, BSW** is a Program Manager for the Adult Services and she supervises the statewide Adult Family Care Program. She has worked for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources for nearly 21 years. She began her career in children services and for the last 14 years has been working in Adult Services. She appreciates the opportunity to work with an amazing group of peers striving to enrich the lives of others and is honored to be able to serve the citizens of West Virginia.



**Julie R. Osborne Young, MSW-LICSW** is a licensed independent clinical social worker serving as the Director of social work for HospiceCare and Palliative Care Center in Charleston, West Virginia. I have been practicing Hospice social work for 12 years. I received a masters degree in social work in 2008. I supervise 16 hospice social workers, and provide psychotherapeutic intervention for palliative care patients. Roles of hospice social workers include helping patients and families navigate end-of-life care planning and providing emotional support and advocacy.

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