



Margaret Cottle: Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide and Palliative Care in a Post-Carter Canada

When addressing the topics of euthanasia, physician assisted suicide and palliative care, it's important to understand the terms. Dr. Cottle will walk attendees through the various terms and concepts used when tackling these issues, as well as provide an update on the changes to palliative and end-of-life care in Canada in light of the decriminalization of euthanasia and physician assisted suicide. (This session is accredited by the CFPC.)

Stephanie Gray: Equipped to Engage: How to Winsomely Speak about Abortion

How do you persuasively and winsomely speak about abortion to professors, peers, and patients? How do you communicate truth with grace? How do you reach peoples' minds as well as their hearts? This session will go through how to make a scientific and philosophical case against abortion, how to tackle the tough issues like rape and a woman's life being in danger, and tips for effective dialogue. By the end, you will be well equipped to engage. (This session is not accredited by the CFPC.)

Stephanie Gray: Talking to the Media

Abortion, euthanasia, conscience rights--these are just a few of the hot topics related to the medical field that the media has covered of late. If a reporter wants to interview you, what do you say? What don't you say? This session will start by covering basic principles for interacting with the media. Then, the audience will study several interview clips and evaluate them based on the principles that were just taught. (This session is not accredited by the CFPC.)

Quentin Genuis: After Autonomy: If choice is not sufficient to guide the future of bioethics, what is?

For many years, medical schools across Canada have taught ethics via appeals to four *prima facie* principles: beneficence, non-maleficence, justice, and autonomy. These principles—and particularly autonomy—are positioned as being capable of guiding proper medical ethics including the presently controversial issues of death-and-dying and conscience rights. Emerging issues and perspectives within bioethics are making it clear that these principles are not sufficient to guide our approach to questions including euthanasia, physician-assisted-death, and conscience-rights. This presentation takes up these questions and asserting that it is only by replacing 'autonomy' with a richer account of freedom within a doctor-patient relationship that we can reach consistent conclusions. (This session is accredited by the CFPC.)

Dr. Stephen Genuis: Emerging trends and ideas in the field of contraception

Many current trends in social behavior and global demographics are rooted to some degree in the sexual liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s - a movement that was ignited by the release of the birth control pill. This talk will trace some of the major developments leading to the sexual revolution,



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will assess its impact on the modern world, and will explore recent scientific and medical information on hormonal contraception and family planning. Practical recommendations on emerging techniques in the medical literature for family planning will be discussed. (This session is accredited by the CFPC.)

Dr. Stephen Genuis: Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies

We have now reached the era where many view absolute control over reproduction as desirable, attainable, and a necessary key to a planned and fulfilling life. With about one in seven couples struggling with difficulties conceiving and carrying a pregnancy, increasing attention and resources are being directed toward the problem of infertility and assisted reproductive techniques. This talk will discuss the process experienced by couples who seek medical assistance in order to have a child, and explore some of the complexities related to assisted reproductive technologies. (This session is accredited by the CFPC.)

Dr. Will Johnston: Why now? Reflections on the Fruition of Progressivism

Reflections on the fruition of progressivism, where children are feared, fear rules the aging process, free speech is suppressed, pluralism is invoked to disallow pluralism, and assent is coerced. (This session is not accredited by the CFPC.)

Dr. Ryan Wilson: Surviving Medical School as a Pro-Life Student

Practical tips on how to succeed in the current climate of Canadian medical schools dominated by liberal bioethics, avoid compromising our own consciences, and even provoke healthy discussion among peers and preceptors. (This session is not accredited by the CFPC.)

Doreen Yung: Testimony Panel - Navigating Challenges that Women Experiencing Unplanned Pregnancies Face

Doreen Yung will moderate the panel, and explain the role of community pregnancy care centres and the importance of post-abortion grief counselling. Her two panelists will share their experiences as women who faced unplanned pregnancies. (This session is not accredited by the CFPC.)

Albertos Polizogopoulos: Conscience Rights in Canada: An update on the law

Now that euthanasia and physician assisted suicide are legal in Canada, what does this mean for physician conscience rights? Over the last two years, provincial and federal governments have struggled with how to ensure patient access to these procedures while weighing physician conscience rights. Regulatory colleges have adopted a variety of policies as well. This session will provide an overview of policies and laws that protect or limit physicians' conscience and religious rights. (This session is accredited by the CFPC.)



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Dr. Angus Reid: Exploring and Understanding Canadian Perspectives on Abortion

Dr. Angus Reid will discuss the results of a recent and unpublished study on abortion opinion in Canada and reveal how public opinion on this issue is influenced and changed. (This session is not accredited by the CFPC.)

Sean Murphy: The Difficult Compromise: The CMA and Referral (1969-2016)

Beginning with the liberalization of the abortion law, physicians have faced rising expectations that they provide an increasing number of morally contested procedures. With a focus on referral, the presentation will outline the Canadian Medical Association's struggle to maintain the personal and professional integrity of physicians while supporting informed medical decision making within the context of patient-centred practice. (This session is not accredited by the CFPC.)

Justin Wiesinger on Hush, the Documentary

Justin Wiesinger will provide a briefing on the award winning documentary about the abortion health risk controversy. He will also play a 20-minute summary clip. (This session is not accredited by the CFPC.)

Panel: Dr. Stephen Genuis, Dr. Will Johnston & Albertos Polizogopoulos: A Strategy for Moving Forward as Pro-Life Practitioners (Session for Residents and Physicians) Panelists will discuss the way forward as physicians practising medicine in a culture which no longer upholds the values of the traditional Hippocratic oath. (This session is not accredited by the CFPC.)