

## Foundations of Medicine Year 4/5 Seminar

### ***Expanding Medical Ethics to Consider the Spiritual and Religious Needs of Patients in their Time of Need***

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#### **1. Description of the session**

This session will discuss the ethical issues and challenges that situations that healthcare professionals often face when caring for patients in acute decision-making settings. The session will utilize the framework of enhancing life studies, conceptualizing the impact of medical technology on the lives of patients and the providers who care for them.

#### **2. Objectives:**

1. Recognize the role of spirituality and religion in navigating the diverse ethical challenges inherent in the implementation of new medical technologies for both patients and providers.
2. Apply ethical reasoning informed by the spiritual and religious beliefs of patients and providers when making clinical recommendations regarding a clinical ethics dilemma.
3. Formulate approaches that you will use in your clinical practice for identifying and addressing the ethical, spiritual, and religious issues that emerge the care of patients in times of need.

#### **3. Readings:**

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2. Sulmasy D. Spirituality, Religion, and clinical care. *Chest.* 2009; 135:1634-42.
3. Williams JA, Meltzer D, Arora A, Chung G, Curlin FA. Attention to Inpatients' religious and spiritual concerns: predictors and association with patient satisfaction. *J Gen Intern Med.* 26:1265-71.