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**REFLECTIONS ON THE INTERSECTION
OF FUTILITY AND BIAS IN CLINICAL CARE**

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Maya Scott is a clinical social worker and ethicist currently practicing at Seattle Children's Hospital and University of Washington. Maya has spent most of her career in pediatric palliative care and bereavement, serving the families of children facing life limiting illness and as a grief therapist providing culturally responsive care to underserved populations. More recently, Maya has transitioned to a role focusing on equity and diversity in the clinical setting, addressing micro and macro level disparities in healthcare. Maya is Co-Director of Ethics Theme at University of Washington School of Medicine. She focuses on creating space for more expansive and inclusive bioethical analysis in the clinical setting, narrative ethics, and how families experience and navigate death by neurological criteria.

PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

1. Describe the ethical principle of futility.
2. Summarize how implicit and explicit bias can impact futility/non-beneficial treatment decisions.
3. Demonstrate some practical tools to combat inequity in the healthcare setting.

Maya Scott has nothing to disclose.