THE DANIEL LABBY SEMINAR IN MEDICAL ETHICS PRESENTS

"GOD WILL DECIDE": PARENTAL REFUSAL OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT IN A CHILD

Monday, October 24th 12:00-1:00PM PT
OHSU Auditorium - Room 210
OHSU Campus - 3286 SW Research Drive
Portland, Oregon 97239
David Clarke, MD serves as the seminar moderator, calling on the expertise of invited colleagues and audience members to explore current ethical dilemmas. Dr. Clarke is President of the Psychophysiological Disorders Association, an Assistant Director at the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Center for Ethics in Health Care, and Clinical Assistant Professor of Gastroenterology Emeritus at OHSU. Additionally, Dr. Clarke is Associate Faculty at Arizona State University, Clinical Advisor to the Stress Illness Recovery Practitioners Association (U.K.) and a Clinical Lecturer with Pacific University in Oregon.

Maureen Kelley, PhD is the Madeline Brill Nelson Chair in Ethics Education and Provisional Professor of Medicine at OHSU, specializing in ethics and women's and children's global health. Previous to this role from 2014 to 2022 she was Professor of Bioethics at the Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford where she led a research program on global health bioethics and served on the COVID-19 research ethics committee for the World Health Organization. Before moving to the UK she spent 8 years in Seattle at the Treuman Katz Center for Pediatric Bioethics, Seattle Children's Hospital, and the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Kelley is a moral philosopher and qualitative researcher by training and has worked for more than twenty years as a clinical ethics consultant and teacher in medical ethics in pediatrics, adolescent medicine, and women's health in the U.S. and international settings.

Case for discussion: A newborn boy has severe narrowing of the duct between his liver and intestine. The liver begins slowly but irreversibly to fail. At age five months, liver transplant is recommended. Ten year survival with a pediatric transplant is 85% but the parents decline consent. They have concerns about providing follow-up care and solid organ transplantation is taboo in their culture. The mother states “God will decide.”

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