



## Ethical Foundations of Advance Care Planning: Promises, Pitfalls and Practicalities

### Free Event

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**Thursday, July 18, 2019**

7:45 am - 8:30 am Registration  
8:30 am - 11:30 am Presentation

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### OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to:

- Understand the ethical foundations of advance care planning,
- discuss common challenges encountered in implementing advance care plans,
- understand how a public health approach to advance care planning can enhance autonomy, contribute to public health and improve care at the end of life.

Almost 30 years after the passage of the Patient Self Determination Act, Advance Care Planning is still something of an "orphan" in American medicine. Efforts to normalize these conversations have frequently deteriorated into accusations of ageism, disability bias or "death panels." This course will describe the ethical foundation of advance care plans, discuss common conceptual and empirical challenges to advance care plans and discuss how a public health approach to advance care planning can improve care at the end of life. This ecological approach requires community engagement from multiple stakeholders: patients, family, legal, medical providers, clergy etc. Successful efforts such as The Conversation Project, Gunderson-Lacrosse, etc. will be discussed. Case studies will be utilized to create an interactive and robust discussion geared toward the adult learner.

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