

Right of Conscience and Cultural Change in Medicine
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Objectives:

- Describe what the conscience is and how it operates to inform and guide human decisions.
- Discuss how the clinician's conscience operates in the everyday practice of medicine.
- Describe how "personal values" and "professional obligations" relate to one another in the work of clinicians.
- Evaluate how the profession's treatment of conscientious refusals impacts the way doctors and patients understand their obligations to one another.
- Evaluate the place of the Hippocratic Oath in forming the foundation of medical ethics and the doctor patient relationship.
- Discuss the two current competing narratives of "health" and the role of the health care professional in decision making
- Identify the imminent threats to the continued practice of Hippocratic Medicine in the US and globally.
- Discuss the origins and legal protection of conscience rights in America and beyond.
- Cite and discuss scientific literature findings regarding the nature of sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Debate competing philosophical/ideological interests where conscience rights and SOGI meet in medical and public arenas.
- Identify challenges facing medical professionals caring for sexual minority patients.
- Identify the primary moral issues at stake when conflicts of conscience occur in medicine.
- Evaluate the available options for physicians in handling conflicts of conscience.
- Debate whether physicians have a moral obligation to refer in cases they have a moral or religious objection to and have opted out of.
- Discuss federal and state legal protections.
- Articulate your conscience rights.
- Describe how to proceed if you believe your conscience rights are threatened.
- Identify current threats to conscience rights.
- Discuss how to stand-up for your moral beliefs.
- Discuss whether assisted suicide is ever justifiable.
- Discuss the role of a medical professional bearing in mind the Hippocratic Oath.
- Define palliative care.
- Assess the meaning of the Hippocratic Oath bearing in mind assisted suicide.

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC TITLE	FACULTY NAME	NUMBER OF CREDITS
9:10 AM – 9:40 AM	Contending Conscientiously for Good Medicine	Farr Curlin, MD	.50
9:40 AM – 9:55 AM	<i>Speaker Panel</i>	Darrell Bock and All Speakers	.25
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Rights of Conscience and the Practice of Medicine	Scott Rae, MA, ThM, PhD	.50
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	<i>Question & Answer</i>	Darrell Bock and All Speakers	.25
Workshop Session 1 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	The Hippocratic Oath and Beginning of Life Issues	Donna Harrison, MD	1
	End of Life	Farr Curlin, MD	
	Conscience Rights, Sexuality and Gender, and the Medical Professional – Understanding the Challenge	André Von Mol, MD	
Workshop Session 2 1:40 PM – 2:40 PM	The Hippocratic Oath and Beginning of Life Issues	Donna Harrison, MD	1
	End of Life	Farr Curlin, MD	
	Conscience Rights, Sexuality and Gender, and the Medical Professional – Understanding the Challenge	André Von Mol, MD	
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	The Right Way to Protect Your Rights	Reed Smith, JD	.50
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	<i>Speaker Panel</i>	Darrell Bock and All Speakers	.25
TOTAL			4.25

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