

# West Michigan Health Care Ethics Conference

## Monday, March 16, 2020

### *Waiting for a Miracle: The Role of Religion in a Patient's Decision-Making*

#### Call for Poster Presentations

Submit an Abstract [at this link](#) or go to [www.gvsu.edu/colloquy](http://www.gvsu.edu/colloquy) )

We invite abstract submissions for poster presentations to be prominently displayed at the third annual West Michigan Health Care Ethics Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The focus of this year's conference will be on the role of religion in health care, but submission on any ethical issue in health care will be welcomed.

The conference, jointly coordinated by the GVSU Office of the Vice Provost for Health and Spectrum Health, takes place from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and is held in conjunction with the evening DeVos Medical Ethics Colloquy. Local and regional speakers will address the complex issues concerning religious beliefs and their impact on patient and provider decisions in health care through lecture, interactive presentation, and panel discussion. Colloquy keynote speakers **Ana Iltis, Ph.D.** (Wake Forest University) and **Ryan Nash, M.D., M.A., FACP, FAAHPM** (The Ohio State University Center for Bioethics) will also participate in the afternoon conference panel discussion.

We welcome poster submissions from students, healthcare professionals, administrators, researchers, educators and policy makers, on any of the ethical issues that arise in health care, and particularly those related to the conference theme. It is expected that the poster author be present with their poster during the speakers' breaks on the day of the conference and during the Colloquy reception (5:00 to 6:00 p.m.) All poster presenters must register for the conference.

Special consideration will be given to student submissions for all health-related topics in hopes of keeping with the conference's commitment to education.

**Guidelines for Abstract Submission – Prepare a Word document** clearly identifying the following abstract content/sections:

- Contact information (primary contact person, organization, e-mail, phone)
- Authors (name, credentials, organization)
- Background significance of the central issue
- Methodology or approach to the question
- Results or main arguments
- Conclusions

**Abstract Preparation:** Abstracts should not exceed 350 words, and should be submitted to the link above.

Complete the Abstract submission process on the website and upload your Word document.

**Deadline:** Abstract submission closes at midnight (Eastern Standard Time) on , **Friday, February 1, 2020**. Authors will be notified if their poster is accepted shortly after submission. Abstracts that do not meet submission requirements may not be reviewed.

To submit an abstract or for more information on registration go to [www.gvsu.edu/colloquy](http://www.gvsu.edu/colloquy).

Please note: There is no cost for students to attend the afternoon conference. Additionally, the evening Colloquy is free to all attendees.