Emerging Infectious Diseases: Ethics, Law and Professional Obligation
April 16–18, 2009

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Thursday, April 16, 2009
7–7:30 p.m. Registration, Reception, Art Work by Eric Avery, MD
7:30–7:50 Conference Roadmap/Overview
Howard Brody, MD, PhD
7:50–8:30 Reception resumes

Friday, April 17, 2009
8–9 a.m. Registration/Breakfast
9–12 Morning Session Moderator
James LeDuc, PhD
9–9:15 Welcome/Introduction
James LeDuc, PhD
9:15–9:45 Risks of and Projections for Pandemic Influenza and Other Viral Infections
Norbert Roberts, MD
9:45–10:15 Levels of Risk to Health Workers and Others
Clarence J. Peters, MD
10:15–10:30 Discussion/Questions for Roberts, Peters
10:30–10:45 Break
10:45–11:15 SARS Narratives: Front Line Providers in Canada
Alison McGeer, MD, FRCPC
11:15–12 Epidemic Narratives: Literature and the Duty to Treat
Anne Hudson Jones, PhD
12–12:15 Discussion/Questions for McGeer, Jones
12:15–1:15 Box Lunch/Networking
1:15–5:15 Afternoon Session Moderator
Howard Brody, MD, PhD
1:15–3 Panel on Preparedness: Isolation and Containment
Howard Brody, MD, PhD
1:15–2 National Pandemic Preparedness: Isolation and Containment
Stephen C. Redd, MD
2–2:30 Reactive Panel: Comments on Local Preparedness
Cassandra Arceneaux, MD, MPH and C. Glenn Mayhall, MD
2:30–3 Discussion/Questions for Redd, Arceneaux, Mayhall
3:00–3:30 Break
3:30–4 Historical Perspectives: Duty to Treat
Thomas Cole, PhD
4–4:45 From Patients to Populations: A Public Health Perspective on the Duty to Treat
Amy L. Fairchild, PhD
4:45–5:15 Discussion/Questions for Cole, Fairchild
5:15–7 Free Time
7–8:30 Dinner and Theater Event, Flight of the Avian Flu Directed by Cheryl Kaplan (Tentative)

Saturday, April 18, 2009
8–8:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30–11:45 Morning Session Moderator
Nonnie Mendiass, RN, PhD
8:30–9 Legal Issues Relating to Duty to Treat
Lawrence O. Gostin, JD
9–9:30 Discussion/Questions for Gostin
9:30–10 Break
10–10:30 Ethical Duty to Treat: Current Status, Physician Issues
Howard Brody, MD
10:30–11 Ethical Duty to Treat: Nursing Issues
Kristine Gebbie, RN, PhD
11–11:30 Ethical Duty to Treat: Support Staff
Douglas Brown, PhD
11:30–11:45 Discussion/Questions for Brody, Gebbie, Brown
11:45–12:45 Box Lunch/Networking
12:45–3 Afternoon Session Moderator
Howard Brody, MD, PhD
12:45–1:30 New Directions in Deriving an Ethical Duty
Lynette Reid, PhD
1:30–2:15 The Bellagio Statement: Assuring Social Justice
Alexander Capron, MD
2:15–2:45 Discussion/Questions for Reid, Capron
2:45–3 Summary and Conclusions
Howard Brody, MD, PhD

Conference Highlight

Thursday Evening
Art Exhibit & Welcome Reception

Hilton Galveston Island Resort
Galveston, Texas

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Course Description
This course is designed for physicians, nurses and other healthcare personnel, researchers, hospital administrators, prison healthcare workers, and community public health leaders. Unique opportunities for collaboration among these groups will address a neglected area in emerging infectious diseases preparedness planning—the legal and ethical dimensions of professional obligations during an emerging infectious disease outbreak.

Educational Objectives
In the face of a possible Avian Influenza pandemic, the existence, as well as the scope and possible limits, of the ethical duty to treat the victims of an infectious epidemic stand in need of elaboration and analysis. At the conclusion of this course, participants should be able to:

• Understand the nature of the emerging infections (SARS and Avian Influenza);
• Describe the new ethical landscape that would exist during an Avian Influenza pandemic;
• Analyze duty-to-treat issues during historical epidemics/pandemics;
• Participate in the legal debate, specifically concerning the degree of interference with the civil liberties of healthcare workers justified in an epidemic;
• Integrate perspectives from humanities disciplines such as literature and art; and
• Engage in dialogue across the normal disciplinary boundaries.

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