



Friends of
Hospice
SAN ANTONIO



Annual Spring Program

**“Providing Comfort, Integrity and Dignity
At the End of Life”**

Medical, Ethical, Legal and Spiritual Considerations

Saturday, March 31, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Trinity University ~ Chapman Center

A Symposium for physicians, attorneys, nurses,
health care providers, social workers, counselors, clergy, pastoral ministers, volunteers and
all who are involved in end-of-life care.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is part of a continuing effort to improve the quality of end-of-life care. This Symposium is offered for professionals and volunteers who assist those persons facing the challenges for end-of-life care and those significant others who are also affected. Physicians, attorneys, professional counselors, clergy and other individuals are invited to join with us to discuss jurisprudence and ethics in the treatment and the care of the seriously ill. The program structure will include a case presentation, discussion of ethical principles and panels who will review the medical, legal and spiritual consideration pertinent to critical decision making.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this program about end-of-life care, the participants will be able to:

- ▶ Differentiate and list the roles and responsibilities of those person entrusted in end-of-life care.
- ▶ Define and apply the four quadrant system of analyzing clinical ethical end-of-life issues.
- ▶ Describe medical considerations in the decision making process to include: individual rights; individual desires; when it is appropriate to withhold or withdraw artificial life-sustaining measures; and providing comfort versus curative care.
- ▶ Define and apply legal considerations in the decision making process to include: choosing an appropriate decision maker; and describing the types of persons incapable of participating in making end-of-life decisions.
- ▶ Describe spiritual considerations and differences in end-of-life decision making.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Friends of Hospice, San Antonio, Inc.

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SPONSORSHIP

This symposium is an annual project of Friends of Hospice San Antonio, Inc with joint sponsorship of CHRISTUS HomeCare and Trinity University. The mission of Friends of Hospice San Antonio, Inc. is to increase community awareness and understanding of hospice and to raise funds in support of patients and their families in end-of-life care.

REGISTRATION

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Please print all information**

Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip : _____

Telephone: Work (____) _____ Home: (____) _____

- \$45 per person** and includes all materials, continental breakfast, lunch and a refreshment break **(No CEU'S)**.
 \$65 per person includes all materials, continental breakfast, lunch, refreshment break and **Continuing Education Units if requested**

CEU'S: (please check appropriate box:)

- CNE for nurses CE for MSW or LPC

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check (**payable to Friends of Hospice San Antonio**)

- VISA MasterCard American Express Discover Card

Name on card: _____

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Mail completed form with payment to: Trinity University, Holt Conference Center,
106 Oakmont Court, San Antonio, TX 78212 OR FAX to 210-999-7056

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

LOCATION

The Symposium will be held in Chapman Auditorium in the Chapman Center, located on the Trinity University campus at the east end of Rosewood off of Shook Avenue. Shook Avenue is off of Hildebrand Avenue between McCullough and Stadium Drive. Parking will be available in parking lots adjacent to the facility. Signs will be posted.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

CEU'S will be offered for nurses, social workers and licensed professional counselors.

COST

\$45 per person and includes all materials, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshment break.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please call Trinity University Office of Conferences and Special Programs at: 210-999-7601

REGISTRATION

Seating is limited and advance registration is required. Registrations will be taken on a first come basis. To register, complete and return the registration form with your payment in full. When your registration and payment are received, you will be mailed a receipt. Registrations can be sent by mail, by fax or taken over the telephone. Payment may be made by check, money order, or by using VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express credit cards. For additional registrants please photo copy the registration form or visit: <http://www.trinity.edu/departments/conferences/schedule.htm>

CANCELLATIONS:

Cancellations received by March 28, 2007 are refundable less a \$10.00 processing fee. Cancellations received after March 28, 2007 are not refundable but you may transfer your registration to another person.

AGENDA

- 7:00 - 7:50 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
Chapman Auditorium
- 8:00 – 8:20 am **Welcome & the Role of Hospice**
- 8:20 – 8:30 am **Case Study - Chapman Auditorium**
Laird McNeil, Attorney
- 8:30 – 9:30 am **Ethical Issues - Chapman Auditorium**
Henry Perkins, MD, F.A.C.P.
Sandra Sanchez-Reilly, MD
- 9:30 – 9:45 am **Refreshment Break - Chapman Foyer**
- 9:45 - 10:45 am. **Medical Issues - Chapman Auditorium**
Jerald Winakur, MD
Christina McClean, MSN
- 10:45 -11:45 a.m. **Legal Rights and Issues - Chapman Auditorium**
Harvey Ferguson, Attorney
Laird McNeill
Judge Peter Sakai
Senior Judge John Specia
- 11:45 - 12:45 p.m. **Luncheon - Great Hall**
Luncheon Speaker
Michael Kearl, Ph.D
- 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. **Spiritual Perspectives - Great Hall**
Rev. Eddie Bernal
Rev. Mark Jones
Imam Omar Shakir
Rabbi Samuel Stahl
- 1:45 p.m. **Q & A with all panel members**
- 2:00 p.m. **Adjourn & Issuance of CEU'S**
- 2:00 p.m. **Extension of Q & A if warranted**

SPEAKERS

Laird McNeil, J. D.

Laird McNeil received his J.D. from the University of Texas. For 40 plus years he has been in private practice to include practicing in Germany for 25 years following his military service. His education and background give him expertise in a multitude of civil matters including family circumstances which involve legal decisions of guardianship and probate law. His is known for his compassion and dedication to education and increasing awareness of end-of-life issues.

Henry Perkins, MD

Henry Perkins is Professor of Medicine at The University of Texas Health Science Center and Consultant in Bioethics at the Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health in San Antonio. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School, and Northwestern University's internal medicine residency. He writes extensively on ethical issues in actual patient care and maintains a strong commitment to teaching ethics and the medical humanities

Sandra Sanchez-Reilly, MD

Sandra Sanchez-Reilly is an Assistant Professor of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at the Division of Geriatrics, Department of Medicine of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA). She is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She also completed the intensive Educating Physicians in End-of Life Care (EPEC) course in 2002. She is one of the pioneers of the new geriatric assessment clinic for geriatric oncology patients.

Jerald Winakur, MD

Jerald Winakur is a practitioner of geriatric medicine for more than 30 years. He teaches at the Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He is also the founding director of the Skilled Nursing Unit at the Methodist Hospital. His fiction, essays and poetry have appeared in numerous periodicals and literary magazines.

Christina McClean, M.S.N.

Christina McClean is the Director of CHRISTUS VNA Hospice and Palliative Care San Antonio. She has distinguished herself over the past 15 years as a Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse Specialist. She regularly makes presentations on end-of-life care at the state and national level. She also provides orientation to nursing students and newly hired nurses on the hospice philosophy and the implementation of this form of end-of-life care.

Harvey Ferguson, Jr., R.Ph., J.D.

Harvey Ferguson has been practicing law at the firm of Gonzales, Hoblit and Ferguson, L.L.P. for over sixteen years. In 2004 he completed a Master of Laws Program in health law. In addition to practicing law, Mr. Ferguson has maintained his license as a registered pharmacist in Texas since 1993.

Judge Peter Sakai

Peter Sakai was appointed as judge of the children's court, Bexar County Civil District by the unanimous vote of the Bexar County Civil District Court Judges in 1995. In January of 2007 he was elected as the 225th District Court Judge, presiding over civil and family law cases. Judge Sakai is widely recognized in the community as being a leader in child advocacy

Senior Judge John J. Specia

John Specia, now a Senior Judge, served as 225th District Court Judge since May, 1998. A graduate of UT Austin and St. Mary's University School of Law he has published on the topics of foster care, legal aspects of the practice of psychiatry and the use of testimony of mental health professionals in the courtroom.

Michael Kearl, Ph.D

Michael Kearl has taught in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Trinity University for over 30 years. He received his BA from Dartmouth University and a Ph.D from Stanford University. His area of expertise and course topics include: Death and Dying, Aging, and the Sociology of Time.

Rev. Eddie Bernal

Reverend Eddie Bernal is a prominent Catholic theologian and pastor of St. Benedict's Church on the city's east side. He received a Masters in Counseling from St. Mary's University and holds a Masters of Divinity from Oblate School of Theology. Father Bernal has participated in many inter-faith dialogues in San Antonio and in the "Theology on Tap" program that is an increasingly popular outreach to twenty and thirty year old Catholics across the country.

Rev. Dr. Mark Jones

Mark Jones is the author of several books and articles on psychological and spiritual approaches to life and therapy. He holds a doctorate in pastoral care and is a licensed professional counselor, marriage and family therapist board approved LPC and LMFT supervisor, and spiritual director.

Imam Omar Shakir

Omar Shakir is the Resident Imam, of Masjid Luqman in San Antonio and in this position has received two Outstanding Leadership Awards. Imam Shakir is a regular participant in ecumenical services, and interfaith dialogue. He lectures, at many of the local colleges, universities, churches, on the Religion of Al-Islam. He is active in the Muslim American Society, serves on the Mayor's Commission for a United San Antonio, and is on the Advisory Board of the *San Antonio Express News*.

Rabbi Samuel Stahl

Rabbi Sam Stahl became Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El in San Antonio in 2002 after serving for 26 years as its Senior Rabbi. Committed to enhancing Christian-Jewish relations, he is the first Jew ever to receive religious leadership awards from the Texas Conference of Churches and the San Antonio Community of Churches. His second book, *Boundaries, Not Barriers: Some Uniquely Jewish Perspective on Life* was recently published.