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EDUCATIONAL or LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Describe the spiritual ethical foundation's approach to controversial healthcare issues.
- Prepare a defense of conscientious refusal for particular procedures or treatments.
- Develop a plan to engage in individual and legislative advocacy regarding controversial healthcare issues.
- Analyze how societal and professional attitudes toward human life and disability influence clinical decision-making; evaluate the impact of implicit and explicit biases against individuals with disabilities on the care and health outcomes they receive; and formulate strategies to promote dignity, inclusion, and equitable advocacy for patients with disabilities across healthcare settings.
- Examine how personal and societal attitudes toward the value and dignity of human life influence clinical decision-making; evaluate how these attitudes shape the quality of care and health outcomes among indigent and underrepresented populations; and develop approaches that promote equitable, respectful, and compassionate advocacy for all patients.
- Evaluate available efficacy and safety data of gender-affirming care, especially for minors undergoing gender affirming care and for patients with gender affirming surgeries.
- Describe risks and alternatives to medical and surgical gender affirming care and discuss differential diagnoses.
- Apply the principles of evidence-based medicine in discussing patient-centered care for those with gender dysphoria.
- Evaluate the ethical and spiritual conflicts surrounding moral dilemmas of futility and artificial nutrition.
- Discuss legal, moral, and spiritual conflicts that may arise.
- Outline elements of the scientific literature findings regarding the nature of gender dysphoria in minors.
- List the primary reasons for watchful waiting vs gender/transition affirming medical interventions in gender dysphoric minors.
- Present components of a compassionate response to challenging interactions with gender dysphoric children and their families.

AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC TITLE	FACULTY NAME	NUMBER OF CREDITS
9:15 – 10:15am	Navigating Controversial Ethical Issues Within Healthcare	Jeff Barrows, DO, MA	1

10:30 – 11:45am	Advocating for Life: Protecting our most vulnerable patients (Breakout session)	Andrea Johnson, MD Panelist – Jessie Sage Cheng, RN	1.25
10:30 – 11:45am	Clinical Case Discussions Surrounding Complex Medical Decisions (Breakout session)	Kelley Newcomer, MD Panelist - Heather Zeiger	
1:00-2:00pm	An Update on the Evidence: Transgender Medicine	Andre Van Mol, MD	1
2:00-3:15pm	Gender Identity and Gender-Affirming Care (Panel discussion)	Andre Van Mol, MD Michael Miller, MD	1.25
TOTAL			4.5

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