



For **Goodness** Sake

Being a Virtuous Health Care Provider in Challenging Times



Provincial Health Ethics Network
Annual Conference and General Meeting
May 9, 2005 | Red Deer, Alberta

In conjunction with:



College of
Physicians
& Surgeons
of Alberta



Alberta Association of
Registered Nurses

What is the Goal of the Conference?

The conference will examine what it means to be a good health care provider in the moral sense. It will attempt to re-focus attention on the core values and virtues of the health professions, particularly in the midst of economic, social, political and other challenges that often conspire to make it difficult to act ethically. How can one sustain acting virtuously in the modern health care environment, and how does one deal with the moral distress that is the inevitable result of the gap between ideal and reality?

Who Should Attend?

The conference is open to all and will likely be of particular interest to health care providers including physicians, nurses, social workers, spiritual care providers, psychologists and many other allied health professionals – as well as health administrators, policy-makers and members of clinical ethics committees. Members of the public are also encouraged to attend.

Agenda

Monday, May 9, 2005
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Red Deer Lodge Hotel
and Conference Centre
4311 - 49th Ave., Red Deer, AB
1-800-661-1657

Agenda Highlights

The agenda for the day will include a mix of plenary presentations as well as workshop sessions that will provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss particular situations in which health care providers commonly encounter challenges to acting virtuously.

Topics include:

- The Challenge of Virtue in Modern Health Care
- Virtue: A Relational Approach
- Virtue Ethics and Organizational Integrity
- Prickly Predicaments: Practical Approaches to the Challenge of Virtue

The Conference Host and Supporting Organizations:

The Provincial Health Ethics Network (PHEN)



PHEN is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting discussion and action on ethical issues that affect the health of Albertans. A non-partisan body, PHEN does not take stances but instead promotes careful, systematic consideration of ethical issues. Funding for PHEN is provided primarily by Alberta Health and Wellness and Alberta's Regional Health Authorities and Provincial Boards. For more information, visit www.phen.ab.ca.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA)



CPSA is dedicated to the provision of quality health care services by competent and caring practitioners. We are responsible for licensing physicians, administering standards of practice and conduct and resolving physician-related complaints. We also provide leadership and direction on issues of importance to the health care system such as access to services, quality improvement, patient safety and privacy. Through leadership, innovation and cooperation with other health care organizations, we serve the public and guide the medical profession. For more information, visit www.cpsa.ab.ca

The Alberta Association of Registered Nurses (AARN)



AARN is the professional and regulatory body for Alberta's more than 27,000 registered nurses, the largest health-care profession in the province. Its members include registered nurses working in direct patient care, nursing management, education and research. It sets nursing practice standards and ensures Albertans receive effective, safe and ethical nursing services. For more information, visit www.nurses.ab.ca

Annual General Meeting & Election

The Annual General Meeting of the Provincial Health Ethics Network will be held over the conference lunch hour. Those interested in being members of a network of individuals interested in health ethics in Alberta are urged to attend. Individual memberships can be purchased at www.phen.ab.ca for \$10.

The membership of the Network will elect two representatives to its Board during the Annual General Meeting to fill vacant positions. For nomination forms or further information please contact the PHEN Northern Alberta Office at 1.800.472.4066.

Speakers



Wendy Austin

Dr. Wendy Austin is a Full Professor in the Faculty of Nursing at

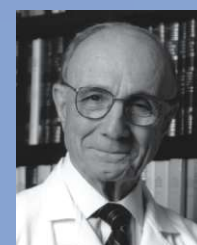
University of Alberta, and she holds a Canada Research Chair in Relational Ethics in Health Care. She is a member of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and has an associate appointment with Alberta Hospital Edmonton. Dr. Austin obtained her PhD, MEd (Counselling), BScN, and her Public Health Nursing diploma from the University of Alberta, and she is a graduate of the Royal Alexandra Hospital School of Nursing. She is currently exploring the core elements of relational ethics and their application in particular healthcare environments, including that of the global community.



Nuala Kenny

Dr. Nuala Kenny is Professor, Departments of Bioethics and Pediatrics,

Dalhousie University. Dr. Kenny founded the Department of Bioethics at Dalhousie in 1996. In 1999 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. She was Chair of the Values Committee of the Prime Minister's National Forum on Health, past Deputy Minister of Health for Nova Scotia, and authored the recently published book "What Good is Health Care? Reflections on the Canadian Experience". Her areas of research interest in ethics include: physician ethics, ethics education for physicians with particular attention to role-modeling, ethics and health policy at all levels, pediatric ethics and end of life care.



Edmund Pellegrino

Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino is Professor Emeritus of Medicine and

Medical Ethics, Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University Medical Center and former Director of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics and the Center for the Advanced Study of Ethics at Georgetown. He is the author of over five hundred published items in medical science, philosophy, and ethics and author or co-author of nineteen books. He is the recipient of forty-four honorary doctorates. His research interests include the history and philosophy of medicine, professional ethics, and the physician-patient relationship.

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee Includes Materials, Refreshments & Lunch PHEN Charitable Business Number: 89986 2148 RR0001

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CITY/TOWN	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE	
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MAY WE PLACE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFO ON A REGISTRANT LIST TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE CONFERENCE? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			
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Detach and fax (with credit card info) or mail (with cheque payable) to:
Provincial Health Ethics Network, 206 Aberhart Centre Two
8220 - 114 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2J3
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Registration Categories

- Early Registration \$135**
(Registration form and payment must be received by 5 pm, Friday, April 15, 2005. Sorry, no exceptions.)
 - Regular Registration \$150**
(Registration form and payment received after 5 pm, April 15, 2005. Sorry, no exceptions.)
 - Special Subsidized Rate \$75**
(Registration form and payment must be received by 5 pm, April 15, 2005.) The special subsidized rate is available to those for whom the above registration fees would normally pose a barrier to attending the conference, by reason of economic or other circumstance.
- If mailing your registration form and payment, please consider the extra time it will take to reach our office. This may affect the registration category you select.*

On-Line Registration Available!

For immediate processing and confirmation, use our secure on-line registration system at www.phen.ab.ca/ecommerce. Alternatively, please submit this form.

Confirmation
All accepted registrants will be sent a confirmation, by e-mail or fax, of their registration within three weeks of receipt of this form. If submitting your registration after April 15, please check our website (www.phen.ab.ca) prior to sending in your registration form to ensure that space is still available.

Hotel
Red Deer Lodge Hotel and Convention Centre 1-800-661-1657
4311 - 49th Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 5Y7

Guest Rooms
For special room rates make your reservation before April 8 and indicate that you are attending the PHEN conference.

Cancellations and Substitutions
Cancellations received on or before April 22 will be refunded the full registration fee less a \$25 administration charge. No cancellation refunds will be provided after April 22. Name substitutions will be accepted at any time.

Accessibility
The Red Deer Lodge conference facilities and select guest rooms are wheelchair accessible. For information about special travel assistance for those with disabilities, please call the PHEN Northern Alberta office.

Financial Assistance
If the cost of registration will be a barrier to attendance at the conference, please call the Provincial Health Ethics Network for possible assistance, at 1-800-472-4066.