



The Columbia University Center for Bioethics

The Littauer Foundation International Symposium

End of Life Issues from a Jewish Perspective

This unique and exceptional Symposium will offer a comprehensive educational initiative focused on Jewish/Halakhic issues in end of life care. Topics to be covered will include treating terminally-ill patients, futility, euthanasia, brain death, cardiac death, organ donation, and palliative care. Using presentations and case-based discussions, the educational objectives will address an overview of Halakhic principles and how these relate to secular practices of end of life care. The aim is to develop guidelines for healthcare professionals to increase understanding and respectful care for patients in the Orthodox Jewish community.

FEATURING AN INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF SPEAKERS:

Dr. Avraham Steinberg	Director of Medical Ethics Unit at Shaari Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel
Dr. Muriel Gillick	Director of the Program in Ethics and Health Policy, Department of Ambulatory Care and Prevention, Harvard Medical School
Dr. Stephan Mayer	Director, Neurology Intensive Care Unit at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia Medical Center
Dr. Kenneth Prager	Chair, New York Presbyterian Hospital Ethics Committee and Director of Clinical Bioethics, Center for Bioethics, Columbia University
Rabbi Dr. Moshe Tendler	Rabbi Isaac and Bella Tendler Chair, Jewish Medical Ethics, Yeshiva University
Rabbi Mordechai Willig	Professor of Talmud, Yeshiva University and spiritual leader of Young Israel of Riverdale, New York

Thursday, May 22, 2008

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Columbia University Medical Center
Hammer Health Sciences Center, Room 401
701 West 168th Street [NW corner of 168th Street & Fort Washington Avenue]

Educational materials, kosher lunch, and refreshments provided.

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