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VISITING LECTURESHIP IN MEDICAL ETHICS
(in Conjunction with Ethics Grand Rounds)

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**AVOIDING HARM AND IMPROVING CARE NEAR THE END OF LIFE:
WHAT GOOD CAN ETHICS DO?**

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Patient care situations in which there is uncertainty about how to relieve suffering, make medical decisions on behalf of others, work with families in conflict, resolve disagreements among team members, or respond to institutional priorities and pressures are frequently described as ethically challenging situations. Why do these situations present themselves so often in care near the end of life? How can “ethics,” including clinician education, ethics consultation services, and institutional policy development, help professionals and organizations involved in the care of seriously ill patients to anticipate these challenges, avoid harms, and prevent care problems? As our nation’s health care system changes, what steps should we take to improve care near the end of life? The publication of a new edition of the landmark Hastings Center Guidelines offers an opportunity to explore these questions.

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Target Audience: Physicians, faculty, residents, fellows, trainees, students, health care professionals. **Educational Objectives:** At the conclusion of this activity, the participant should be able to: 1) Recognize perennial and emerging bioethical problems in clinical practice, research, public health, and health policy arenas. 2) Describe competing/contrasting viewpoints concerning these bioethical problems. 3) Demonstrate increased skills in analyzing and practically handling bioethical problems in the clinical, research, public health, and health policy arenas. **Educational Method:** Lecture and question-and-answer period. **Accreditation:** The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. **Credit Designation:** The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center designates this activity for 1 hour(s) in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility. **Conflict of Interest:** All persons in the position to control the content of an education activity are required to disclose all relevant financial relationships in any amount occurring within the past 12 months with any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on patients. A primary mechanism to resolve identified conflicts of interest is a content review that is prior to the activity. **Off-Label Uses:** Because this course is meant to educate physicians with what is currently in use and what may be available in the future, there may be “off-label” use discussed in the presentation. Speakers have been requested to inform the audience when off-label use is discussed.