

## ETHICS GRAND ROUNDS

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D1.602, Noon–1:00 PM, McDermott Plaza Lecture Hall

### THE ETHICS OF RESUSCITATION AT BORDERLINE VIABILITY: WHEN, IF EVER, IS IT ETHICALLY PERMISSIBLE TO REFUSE A PARENTAL REQUEST?

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Extremely preterm infants, born at the borderline of viability, face a high risk of death in the neonatal period despite efforts to keep them alive. And, among survivors, there is a risk of severe long-term neuro-developmental impairment. Clinicians involved in the care of these patients often question whether aggressive measures should always be taken, and under what circumstances, if any, it may be appropriate not to attempt resuscitation or provide intensive care technology. The relevant data, weaknesses of those data, relevant ethical principles, and an ethical framework for decision-making in this setting will be discussed. This framework should be more widely relevant, applicable to all such ethical decisions in pediatrics.

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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)<sup>™</sup>. 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.