

ETHICS GRAND ROUNDS

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PHYSICIANS, HEALTHCARE COSTS, AND SOCIETY: WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?

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Physicians play a key role in the utilization of healthcare financial resources. The unsustainable rise in the cost of healthcare in the US implies physicians should be part of addressing rising costs to make them more sustainable. But how can they do so with integrity? Ancient vows of medicine require fidelity to individual best interests. Modern norms of social contract require attention to just distribution of societal resources. Both are important. If and when these responsibilities conflict how can they be reconciled? This talk will describe the problem of dual agency, the challenges it poses to contemporary US medical practice, and common solutions to address the challenge. These challenges will be illustrated with empirical data from recent research with doctors, and will outline empirical, normative, and policy opportunities to clarify and define what kind of role physicians can and should play in addressing healthcare costs with integrity.

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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.