

## **ETHICS GRAND ROUNDS**

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

### **LAWS THAT CONFLICT WITH THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE: WHAT SHOULD HEALTH PROFESSIONALS DO?**

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A number of states have passed laws that either require physicians to practice bad medicine, or that block them from good medical practice. In addition to anti-abortion laws that require practitioners to give patients inaccurate information, there is also a push by the gun lobby to make it illegal for pediatricians to ask parents if they have guns in the home. A Florida “gag” law to that effect was recently upheld in the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit. What should health care providers do when faced with these laws? Is it enough to obey the law and work to overturn the legislation? Are there strategies of circumvention and do they harm the provider/patient relationship? Is civil disobedience ever required, out of loyalty to one’s profession and to one’s patients?

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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.