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CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY TO OFFER WEBINAR ON THE ETHICS OF END-OF-LIFE CARE

February event continues online series covering hot topics in health care ethics

OMAHA, NE (January 24, 2012): As part of its ongoing series of webinars on hot topics in the bioethics field, Creighton University will host a complimentary webinar titled “No Place for Dying: Hospitals and the Ideology of Rescue.” The webinar will be presented by Helen Stanton Chapple, PhD, RN, MA, CT, a Creighton faculty member who teaches in the online [Master of Science in Health Care Ethics](#) program. Chapple is also a past president of the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) and current chair of the ADEC Credentialing Council.

Chapple will discuss the idea that many end-of-life dilemmas in the United States are a result of conflicts in American ideology rather than a question of ethics. In addition, the proliferation of advanced technology, the respect for choice, and the need to provide equal opportunity for death avoidance has led to a “rescue first, ask questions later” mentality. Yet often there comes a point where clinicians must work to limit suffering and prepare for death. In her research on treatment for the dying, Chapple discovered that clinicians turned to a “ritual of intensification” that allowed seriously ill patients to be moved from “rescuable” to “non-rescuable” status. This process helped medical professionals to navigate potential conflicts and guilt.

“The ritual preserves belief in the project of medicine,” said Chapple. “Clinicians use ritual to separate the living from the dying, and ultimately the dying from ourselves.”

Date, time, and registration information for the webinar are as follows:

TITLE: “No Place for Dying: Hospitals and the Ideology of Rescue.”

DATE: Monday, February 27, 2012

TIME: 6:30 PM CST

[Click here to register](#)

The webinar series is designed to inform medical professionals and others who deal with ethical issues in health care about trends and ideas in the field, as well as to promote Creighton's Master of Science in Health Care Ethics program. Offered in the convenient online format, the online program pulls from such diverse areas as history, culture, philosophy, politics, economics, and law to explore the meaning, history, context, and implications of bioethics. With courses in Health Policy, the Law and Health Care Ethics, Social & Cultural Contexts of Health Care, Theories of Justice, and Public Health Ethics, students build their awareness and understanding of the meaning, impact, and practical applications of ethics in the real world. Offered through Creighton's Center for Health Policy and Ethics (CHPE), the program is built upon the University's core Catholic and Jesuit values of conscience, compassion, and concern for poor and marginalized groups and individuals.

To learn more about upcoming events at Creighton, go to the [Upcoming Events](#) page. To learn more about the webinar series, contact Allison Anderson or Cindy Workman at the phone number or email provided.

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