

# Clinical Ethics: End-of-Life Care



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
8.30am – 5.00pm  
Deakin Downtown, Melbourne



**Clinical  
Ethics**

Deakin University's School of Medicine is **offering a one day, fully catered, interprofessional short course focused on Clinical Ethics** in End-of-Life Care for adult patients.

The course has been designed by Deakin Bioethics in collaboration with providers of the [End of Life Law for Clinicians](#) course, and clinicians involved in end-of-life care. Participants will explore the foundations of clinical ethics, with a focus on particular challenges for those working in end-of-life care.

Providing a practical introduction to ethical decision-making, the course will facilitate learning through the use of case studies and interprofessional, facilitated small group discussions.

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Deakin Downtown, 727 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Cost: \$770, medical practitioner (qualified specialist)  
\$660, medical practitioner (residents, registrars and fellows)  
\$440, nurse, allied health, and students

Tickets are inclusive of course materials and refreshments (coffee, morning & afternoon tea, lunch).

All attendees will receive a certificate of completion, identifying the number of CPD hours for the workshop.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/clinical-ethics-end-of-life-care-tickets-1015834858407>

For more information, email: [bioethics@deakin.edu.au](mailto:bioethics@deakin.edu.au)

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**ELLC** End of Life Law  
for Clinicians

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8.30am	Registration and refreshments
9.00am	Welcome and course overview
9.15am	Introduction to Clinical Ethics and Ethical Theory
	<i>The nature of ethics; ethical theories and principles</i>
	<i>An approach to ethics in clinical practice</i>
10.30am	Morning Tea
11.00am	Decision-making in end-of-life care
	<i>Autonomy and informed consent</i>
	<i>Adult patients lacking decision-making capacity</i>
	<i>Advance directives</i>
12.30pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Big decisions at the end of life (pt 1)
	<i>Life and death decision-making</i>
	<i>Conceptualising futility</i>
2.30pm	Afternoon Tea
2.45pm	Big decisions at the end of life (pt 2)
	<i>Assisted dying</i>
	<i>Truth telling</i>
	<i>Experimental treatment</i>
4.15pm	Panel case discussion
4.55pm	Closing remarks

## Feedback from previous participants in our Clinical ethics: Perioperative Care course

*“Excellent programme, extremely well presented. Keenly recommending the event to others and would be keen to attend further workshops”*  
Critical Care Consultant

*“Practical and very relevant to everyday practice!”*  
Consultant Physician

*“Great variety of case studies that were relatable”*  
Nurse Unit Manager

*“A really interactive and collaborative environment...[the professional mix] allowed for a dynamic discourse... facilitators were incredibly engaging”*  
Intensive Care Resident

*“Thought provoking and high quality. Would love to do this again!”*  
Anaesthetic Consultant

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## Speakers, facilitators, and panelists\*

### **Prof. Dominique Martin, MBBS, BA(Hons), PhD**

Dominique is head of the Ethics, Law and Professionalism team in Deakin's School of Medicine. She is an international leader in donation and transplantation ethics and a former medical practitioner with experience working in clinical ethics at the policy and institutional levels. Dominique has previously served as a consultant to the World Health Organization, the Australian Organ and Tissue Authority and the Qatar Organ Donation Center.

### **Prof Shih-Ning Then, PhD, LLM (Dist), LLB (Hons), BSc (Biomed)**

Shih-Ning is a Professor at the School of Law, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and Deputy Director of the Australian Centre for Health Law Research, QUT. Her interdisciplinary research explores substituted and supported decision-making for adults, paediatric healthcare, end of life legal issues, and organ and tissue donation. Shih-Ning is part of the *End of Life Law for Clinicians (ELLC)* team, a National Palliative Care Project funded by the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care that delivers training to improve clinicians' knowledge of end of life decision-making laws. She is also a member of the Queensland Children's Hospital Clinical Ethics Consultation Service

### **Dr Katrine Del Villar PhD, FHEA, LLB (Hons), BA (Hons), GDLP**

Katrine is a researcher at the Australian Centre for Health Law Research, Queensland University of Technology, where she is part of the ELLC team. Her research focuses on legal issues in end of life decision-making, including voluntary assisted dying, and mental health law. Katrine was part of the QUT team which prepared the mandatory voluntary assisted dying training for Western Australia and Queensland health practitioners.

### **Dr Tim Haydon, FRACP, FCICM, FANZCA, M Bioethics**

Tim is an Intensive Care Physician and Anaesthetist. He is Director of ICU at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. He recently completed the Master of Bioethics through the University of Sydney and is the current Chair of the St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne Clinical Ethics Committee.

### **A/Prof Helen Opdam, MBBS, FRACP, FCICM**

Helen is a senior intensive care specialist at Austin Health in Melbourne, and National Medical Director of the Australian Organ and Tissue Authority. Her research interests include ethical issues relating to deceased donation and transplantation and to research that involves potential organ donors at the end of life.

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**Ms Candice McKenzie, B Ed, MPH**

Candice is the Director of Aboriginal Health at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. She has a background in medical education and has longstanding interests in the development of Indigenous health ethics and training.



**Ms Caroline Scott, RN**

Caroline is a critical care RN with 20 years' experience. She manages the Advance Care Planning and Response to VAD Program at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. She is a member of the St Vincent's Clinical Ethics Committee, St Vincent's EOLC Clinical Risk Committee and Eastern Palliative Care Ethics Subcommittee. Caroline has a broad understanding of safety and quality in healthcare, has built capacity and implemented systems to support EOLC and is dedicated to improving the patient journey.