



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas June 2015 Newsletter

Neonatal Ethics Discussion



In our last meeting, Dr. Roy Heyne discussed neonatal ethics - specifically physician attitudes towards resuscitation to neonates but also a broader discussion towards general resuscitation. He presented evidence that often physician attitudes towards resuscitation can vary greatly across hospitals and across cultures. Although the issue would appear to demand a equal, logical approach to human resuscitation, evidence does not bear this to be the case. And in many ways often the underlying issue is physician beliefs towards an acceptable "quality of life" - that often physician bias on who would be considered a "meaningful life" changes who will be resuscitated. We thank Dr. Heyne on his extensive discussion of the issue.

For those who attended, hopefully you have received your CME. Please let us know if you have not.

Next event: End of Life Discussion in AUGUST

In our next meeting, Deacon Charlie Stump will discuss end of life issues. Deacon Stump is the Director of Pastoral Services for the Diocese of Dallas, and he serves as the Guild's Spiritual Advisor. There will be no meeting in July, so the next meeting will be on August 4 at 7 PM in the Family Life Center of St. Monica's Catholic Church. For the foreseeable future, all future meetings for the Guild will take place the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in this location.

SAVE THE DATE - Educational Conference at Medical City

On September 10th, the Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas will present an educational conference - **Enhancing Patient-Centered Reproductive Health Care: Understanding and Addressing Unmet Ethical and Clinical Concerns.** The keynote speakers will be Dr. John Bruchalski (Founder, [Tepeyac Family Center](#) in Fairfax, VA) and Dr. Vincent Rue ([Institute for Pregnancy Loss](#)). Dr. Bruchalski practices Ob-Gyn and NaPro Technology and will present evidence of the physical effects of abortion. He will also present fertility-based methods of family planning. Dr. Rue will discuss the mental health issues surrounding pregnancy loss to women and men who have been involved. Published clinical evidence will be presented on the topic. Diana Morin, LPC, LMFT will discuss healing after a pregnancy loss. The event will take place at Medical City, and further information will be forthcoming....

SAVE THE DATE #2- Catholic Medical Association National Conference

Another friendly reminder that the next National CMA conference will take place in Philadelphia (which should prove to be an exciting place to be this Fall) on October 1-3. The theme is **Healing the Wounded Culture** and will include speakers such as Gianna Jessen, Dr. Thomas Hilgers, Fr. Thad Pacholczyk, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Fr. Robert Spritzer, and more! Registration has opened, click [here](#) for more information.

As Catholics we believe in the dignity of each and every human being made in the image and likeness of God. As such, we accept all persons with respect, compassion, and sensitivity and must be mindful that, even in polarizing times,

there is no place for derision or smugness. I pray that all persons who hold dear the civil liberties afforded by the United States Constitution will join us in working to safeguard the rights of people of faith to live and exercise that faith as they believe God requires- Bishop Kevin Farrell