



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

March 2014 Newsletter

Ethical Considerations of Medical Missionary Work



Dr. Tom Zellers will be speaking April 3rd at 6:30 pm on the topic Ethical Considerations of Medical Missionary Work. Dr. Zellers has participated in numerous mission trips to Honduras. He works in conjunction with cardiothoracic surgeons providing evaluation, preoperative, and postoperative care.

Dr. Zellers is Chief Medical Officer at Childrens Medical Center of Dallas and practices interventional cardiology. He obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Dallas and completed medical school at UT Southwestern. He completed residency at the University of Virginia and completed fellowships at The Mayo Clinic and Baylor College of Medicine.

The meeting will take place at Sweeney Lounge at St. Rita Catholic Church (12521 Inwood Road Dallas, Tx 75224). Please RSVP by replying to this email. For non-Guild members, we ask for a small contribution (\$5-10) to offset the cost of food.

Last meeting: Vaccine Controversies and "Manufactureversies"



This month Dr. Al Karam discussed the issue of vaccine controversies from the perspective of a Catholic pediatrician. He discussed the history of vaccinations produced from two cell lines created via harvesting of fetal lung fibroblasts from 2 separate abortions - Wi-38 and MRC-5 (keep in mind these abortions did not take place directly to harvest cells for vaccine production). These cell lines are currently found in the MMR (Rubella component), Varivax, Pentacel (DTaP/Hep B/IPV), Hepatitis A, Rabies, and HVZ (varicella zoster) vaccines. Some of these vaccines have morally-acceptable vaccine alternatives, but some do not. Much time was spent among the group discussing our moral responsibility in the utilization of these vaccines and to what degree our actions would be considered proximate versus remote material cooperation in two evil acts of abortion.

For a brief summary of formal versus material cooperation with evil, click [here](#).

A Vatican statement on the issue can be found [here](#).

Dr. Karam also discussed the controversy surrounding autism and the history behind the controversy. The initial study (by Andrew Wakefield in the Lancet) fueling the controversy was poorly done and since has been discredited. The physicians in attendance discussed their approaches to dealing with patients who are concerned with vaccine safety.

Those who attended the talk should have already received their CME certificates via email. Please contact us if you did not receive your certificate.

Bishop's 21st Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner



The Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas will be attending the dinner on April 5th at the Irving Convention Center and has reserved one table. If you would like to sit with us, please reply to this email. This year the highlight will be the musical performance of Collin Raye, the country music star with 5 platinum records. Click [here](#) for more info on the dinner

"May the Holy Spirit, through whom we are 'as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything', sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. " - Pope Francis, Lenten Message on Feb 2014