



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

March 2015 Newsletter

Neonatal Ethics talk will be rescheduled



We apologize that we were forced to cancel Dr. Heyne's discussion of neonatal ethics (although it wasn't really in our control- thank you Mr. Winter for closing St. Rita's). Dr. Heyne is tentatively scheduled to speak June 2nd.

End-of-Life Directives for Catholic Physicians

Ellen Dorn, JD

Ellen Dorn, JD is a former director and past president of the St. Thomas More Society in Dallas. In 2010, she chaired the Society's End-of-Life Committee, which, at the request of Bishop Kevin Farrell, drafted a model Catholic Directive to Physicians and a Catholic Medical Power of Attorney, which integrate Texas law with Catholic teaching. She will be talking to our Guild about the document (which can be found on the Diocesan website [here](#)). She will be presenting along with Michelle Easley, who has actively journeyed through End-of-Life issues with five elderly parents.

Ellen received her undergraduate degree in Public Policy from Duke University and her law degree from University of Texas School of Law. Michelle earned her B.B.A. in Finance from the University of Texas at Austin. She served as Director of Social Ministry for her family's parish, St. Michael in Bedford, is certified in Social Ministry by the Fort Worth Diocese and Catholic Charities, and is a graduate of Pope Paul VI Institute, Omaha, Nebraska.

NaPro Medical Clinic now open in Dallas

A new clinic practicing NaPro technology has now opened up this month at Birth Choice of Dallas (8604 Greenville Ave Suite 102 Dallas, TX 75243). Dr. Alberto Montoya is the practicing physician - he is new to the area so please support him! The clinic is now taking appointments and their phone number is 214-631-2402. This is the only NaPro-practicing clinic in Dallas.

(Another) Reminder to sign up for the Medical Student and Resident Boot Camp!



For all residents and medical students, please consider attending the National Catholic Medical Association's Annual Boot Camp! The event will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary outside of Philadelphia, PA and will take place June 16-21. For those who are interested, more information can be found [here](#) on the CMA's website. Click on the picture above for an informational video of the camp.

National CMA forms a new Media and Communications Committee

The National CMA recently formed a new Media and Communications Committee. The scope and purpose of the MCC is to promote, respond and educate the CMA membership and the general public on certain medical-moral topics of interest. The MCC will be responsible for developing official statements of the CMA.

CMA Members help Defeat Assisted Suicide Bills in Colorado and Montana

Michelle Stanford, MD of the Denver Guild and 4 other physicians from the Pueblo Guild submitted testimonies this past February to help kill an Assisted Suicide bill in Colorado. By an 8-to-5 bipartisan vote, the so-called "Death with Dignity" bill was rejected by the Public Health and Human Services Committee in the state's House of Representatives. The Colorado proposal would have required two physicians to verify that the patient is terminal, had made both verbal and written statements of their intentions, and was able to self-administer the lethal medications.

Three members of the Montana CMA Guild - Craig Treptow, MD, Robin Treptow PhD, and Thomas Warr, MD - testified with other physicians against Physician Assisted Suicide in February before the Montana House and Senate Judiciary Committees. The pro PAS bill was tabled in the Senate Judiciary Committee the day after CMA members testified. The anti PAS bill is expected to pass out of the House Judiciary committee.

“During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: “Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum”: Make our hearts like yours. In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.” - Pope Francis, [Message for Lent 2015](#)