

Conscientious Practice and the Ethics of Cooperation in Healthcare

Bioethics and Healthcare Ethics Annual Lecture 2024:
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Thursday 21 November 2024
12:00 pm (EST)

Acting with integrity and conscience allows us to flourish as healthcare professionals by promoting the good of health, discerning what is harmful, and giving ethical reasons for our own actions which aim to benefit patients and respect their dignity as persons. Conscientious practice includes an ethical understanding of cooperation which seeks to avoid complicity associated with actions (e.g. referrals) which may be expected by professional bodies or mandated by law.

In this lecture, Dr Kaldijan will describe conscientious practice as a manifestation of integrity and ethical reasoning, discuss the importance of intention, proximity, seriousness and clarity in assessments of complicity, and identify integrity-promoting approaches to controversial practices in healthcare, such as euthanasia.

Professor Sandra Lynch will give a response to Dr Kaldijan's lecture. She is Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Founding Director of the IES.

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Dr Kaldijan directs the Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa (Iowa City, USA), where he is also a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. He received his MD from the University of Michigan, an MDiv and PhD in Christian ethics from Yale University, where he also completed his residency and fellowship training in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. His research interests include ethics education, end-of-life decision making, goals of care, disclosure of medical errors, religious and philosophical beliefs in medical ethics, practical wisdom in medicine and conscientious practice. His work has been published widely, and he is the author of *Practicing Medicine and Ethics: Integrating Wisdom, Conscience, and Goals of Care*. At the Carver College of Medicine, he directs the Biomedical Ethics curriculum and serves on the Ethics Committee and Ethics Consult Service. He also co-directs the Scholars in Ethics and Medicine program sponsored by the Hyde Park Institute for students at the University of Chicago.



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