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Pediatric Ethics: Lessons for Grown Ups

Monday, February 13, 2017

6:00— Light Refreshments

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.— Lecture

Tamkin Hall, UC Irvine School of Medicine

1003 Health Sciences Road, Irvine 92617

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There are fundamental differences in how to think about medical ethics when the issues involve children in contrast to competent adult patients. This difference goes beyond the simple distinction around decision making capacity, and prompts consideration of concepts like respect for persons, an ethic of care, and family-centered approaches that resonate in pediatric ethics. Perhaps most emblematic of this contrast is the concept of “assent,” a distinctive feature of pediatric ethics. In this lecture, I will argue the somewhat radical conclusion that adult medical ethics has a lot to learn from its pediatric counterpart.

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Eric Kodish, MD is a pediatric hematologist and Professor of Pediatrics at the Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University. He previously served as the Director of Cleveland Clinic's Center for Ethics, Humanities, and Spiritual Care (2010-16) and the F. J. O'Neill Professor and Chairman of the Department of Bioethics (2004-16). He was the founding Executive Director of the Cleveland Fellowship in Advanced Bioethics. From 1993-2004, he cared for children with cancer and blood diseases at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, where he was the founding director of the Rainbow Center for Pediatric Ethics. His areas of expertise include childhood cancer and blood diseases, pediatric ethics, end-of-life issues, and research ethics. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Northeast Ohio Medical University in 2001, and was elected Chair of its Board of Trustees in 2011. Dr. Kodish was elected as a Fellow of the Hastings Center in 2013 and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Children's Oncology Group (2005) and the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (2016).

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