Medical Ethics in a Multi-cultural Society

Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8

21 November 1995

Are you ever faced with patients with unfamiliar beliefs? A society like ours, with such a diverse cultural and religious make up, can be a bewildering place to practise ethical medicine. This conference – which will bring together professionals from all parts of the health service – will explore how differing cultural values influence people's views on life, death and medical treatment. There will be ample time for discussion and reflection in all sessions and we anticipate lively and challenging debate.

Conference Cost

The delegate fee will cover conference attendance and includes lunch and refreshments. £147.35 + VAT of £25.79, total £173.14.

There may be a small number of bursaries available for students - please apply in writing to the Conference Unit Manager.

Special Offer

Delegates at the conference may take advantage of a special subscription rate of £60.00 to the bimonthly *Journal of Medical Ethics* for one year– (personal subscription rate normally £80.00).

Please return the registration form as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 10 November 1995.**

CME approval (5 credits) and PGEA approval *(5 hours service management) has been granted.*

Programme

0845-0945 hrs	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
Chair	*To be announced*
0945 hrs	Keynote Address *Onora O'Neill, Principal, Newnham College, Cambridge*
Session 1	**Truthtelling and Kindness in Medicine**
1000 hrs	An Anglican Reformed Perspective *Kenneth Boyd, Institute of Medical Ethics, Edinburgh University*
1020 hrs	A Jewish Perspective *Daniel Sinclair, Principal, Jews College, London*
1040-1100 hrs	COFFEE
Session 2	**Killing and Letting Die in a Multi-Cultural Society**
1100 hrs	A Muslim Perspective – "Decisions to Withhold Life Sustaining Treatment and Active Euthanasia" *Gamal Serour, Director, International Islamic Centre for Population Studies and Research, Al-Azhar University, Egypt*
1120 hrs	A Roman Catholic Perspective – "When Prolonging Human Life Distorts Its Value" *Dolores Dooley, Lecturer in Philosophy and Medical Ethics, National University of Ireland at Cork*
1140 hrs	A Secular Perspective – "The Incoherence of Cultural Relativism" *John Harris, Professor of Bioethics and Applied Philosophy, University of Manchester*
1200 hrs	Discussion
1230-1345 hrs	LUNCH
Workshop Sessions	
1345-1445 hrs	***Workshop 1*** – Truthtelling *Roger Higgs, King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, London* ***Workshop 2*** – Genetic Screening *Theresa Marteau, Psychology & Genetics Research Group, UMDS, London* ***Workshop 3*** – Informed Consent *Len Doyal, Reader in Medical Ethics, The London Hospital, London* ***Workshop 4*** – Reproductive Issues (Including Women's Health) *Dora Opoku, Head of Midwifery Department, St Bartholomew and Princess Alexandra & Newham College of Nursing and Midwifery, London* ***Workshop 5*** – Proxy Decisions for Children *Priscilla Alderson, Senior Research Officer, Institute of Education, London* ***Workshop 6*** – End of Life Decisions *Stuart Horner, Chairman, Medical Ethics Committee, BMA (Preston)* ***Workshop 7*** – Organ Donation *Indarjit Singh, London* ***Workshop 8*** – Medical Research and Research Ethics Committees *Claire Foster, Research Fellow, Centre of Medical Law and Ethics, Kings College, London*
1445-1515 hrs	TEA
Chair	*Richard Smith, Editor BMJ*
1515 hrs	Feedback Session on Workshops
1600 hrs	Panel Discussion
1645 hrs	Summing Up *Raanan Gillon, Editor, Journal of Medical Ethics, London*
1700 hrs	Close of conference

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Closing date FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 1995

Please print throughout (one form per registrant)

Name and title: _____

Name for badge: _____

Address: _____

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Are you a member of the BMA: YES NO If yes, Membership Number: _____

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Information from this application form will be used to provide a list of delegates for circulation at the conference

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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HOW TO PAY: Cost £173.14 inclusive of VAT; *(VAT number GB 232 1432 14)*

Special Conference offer: Journal of Medical Ethics subscription £60.00 - this must be prepaid *(You will be bound by the BMAs standard booking terms and conditions, a copy of which will be sent to you.)*

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