



The Columbia University Center for Bioethics
cordially invites you to

The Littauer Foundation International Symposium

End of Life Issues from a Jewish Perspective

This unique and exceptional Symposium will offer a comprehensive educational initiative focused on Jewish/Halakhic issues in end of life care. Topics to be covered will include treating terminally-ill patients, futility, euthanasia, brain death, cardiac death, organ donation, and palliative care. Using presentations and case-based discussions, the educational objectives will address an overview of Halakhic principles and how these relate to secular practices of end of life care. The aim is to develop guidelines for healthcare professionals to increase understanding and respectful care for patients in the Orthodox Jewish community.

FEATURING AN INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF SPEAKERS:

Avraham Steinberg, MD

Associate Clinical Professor of Medical Ethics,
Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Jerusalem
Senior Pediatric Neurologist,
Director of the Medical Ethics Unit,
Shaari Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem

*Jewish Perspectives on End of Life Issues
and The Political/Ethical Resolution of
End of Life Issues in Israel*

Muriel Gillick, MD

Clinical Professor and Director, Program in Ethics and Health Policy,
Department of Ambulatory Care and Prevention,
Harvard Medical School

Secular Perspectives on End of Life Issues

Stephan Mayer, MD

Associate Professor of Clinical Neurology and Neurological Surgery,
Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons
Director, Neurology Intensive Care Unit,
Columbia University Medical Center

*Secular Perspectives on Brain Death and
Organ Donation*

Kenneth Prager, MD

Professor of Clinical Medicine, Columbia University College of P&S
Director of Clinical Ethics, and Chairman, Medical Ethics Committee
Director of Clinical Bioethics, Center for Bioethics,
Columbia University Medical Center

Case Presenter and Moderator

Rabbi Moshe Tendler, PhD

Rabbi Isaac and Bella Tendler Professor of Jewish Medical Ethics,
Yeshiva College
Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva University RIETS

*Jewish Perspectives on Brain Death and
Organ Donation*

Rabbi Mordechai Willig

Rabbi Dr. Sol Professor of Talmud and Contemporary Halachah,
Yeshiva University,
Spiritual leader of Young Israel of Riverdale, New York

Panelist

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