

AGENDA

7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Introductions and Opening Remarks

Cathy Fernald, DNP, RN, RNC-OB, NEA-BC

Chief Nursing Officer, Acute Care

Christiana Care Health System

Shazia Bhat, MD

Program Chair, 5th Biennial Perinatal Palliative Care Symposium

Associate Director, Division of Neonatology

Christiana Care Health System

8:15 a.m. "Caring for Infants with Chronic Critical Illness"

Renee Boss, MD, MHS

Associate Professor, Division of Neonatology

Department of Pediatrics

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Faculty, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics

9:30 a.m. Break and Exhibits

10:00 a.m. "Building A Moral Community in Ethically Challenging Situations"

Lucia Wocial, PhD, RN

Nurse Ethicist

Indiana University Health

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Indiana University School of Nursing

11:00 a.m. "A Communication Tool Box for Perinatal Palliative Care"

Dave Munson, MD

Medical Director, Newborn/Infant Intensive Care Unit

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics

Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Exhibits

1:00 p.m. "Managing Your Emotions While Caring for Others"

Steve Mortenson, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Communication

University of Delaware

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. "Reconnecting to Purpose in Our Work"

Kathie Kobler, PhD, APRN, PCNS-BC, CHPPN, FPCN

APRN Coordinator, Center for Fetal Care

Perinatal Palliative Care, Advocate Children's Hospital

4:15 p.m. Conclusion

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

Renee Boss, MD, MHS: Dr Boss is an Associate Professor of Neonatology and Palliative Care at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and is core Faculty at the Johns Hopkins Berman Bioethics Institute. Dr. Boss's research focus is at the intersection of palliative care, bioethics, and neonatology and targets parent-clinician communication and decision-making for the sickest infants and children in the intensive care unit.

Lucia Wocial, PhD, RN: Dr Wocial is the nurse ethicist at Indiana University Health and teaches applied ethics as adjunct faculty. She co-chairs the ethics consultation service at IU Health and serves as a faculty member in the clinical ethics fellowship at the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics. Her research is focused on moral distress of professional caregivers.

Dave Munson, MD: Dr. Munson is the Medical Director of the Newborn/Infant Intensive Care Unit at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. For many years he also practiced as an attending on the Pediatric Advanced Care Team at CHOP. In 2007 Dr. Munson combined these interests by developing the Perinatal Palliative Care Initiative in the Special Delivery Unit at CHOP. He has written extensively about perinatal palliative care and palliative care in pediatrics and neonatology. He teaches often about how to communicate bad news and engage with families around difficult topics and decisions.

Steve Mortenson, PhD: Dr Mortenson is a professor of communication at the University of Delaware. He earned his Ph.D. in communication at Purdue University in 1999 and started teaching at the University of Delaware in 2003. His studies focus on interpersonal communication; he has taught courses on persuasion, emotion and communication, and theories of communication. He was recognized with the University of Delaware Excellence in Teaching Award in 2012.

Kathie Kobler, PhD, APRN, PCNS-BC, CHPPN, FPCN: Dr Kobler is an advanced practice nurse with over three decades of clinical experience providing a relationship-based approach to care for infants and children with serious illness, and their families. She currently serves as APRN for the Center for Fetal Care at Advocate Children's Hospital in Illinois. Her scholarship focuses on areas often unnoticed, including the role of ritual in end-of-life care. She is well known for integrating relational and interactive teaching methods to help nurses and interdisciplinary clinicians find their gifts and optimize professional well-being when providing end-of-life care.