Community Ethics Forum

Pain Management Beyond the Politics

Oct. 16, 2012    6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Course Description
Striking a balance between appropriate pain management and prescription drug abuse is a major ethical dilemma in health care. But, who listens to the voice of the legitimate pain patient?

Hear the views of clinicians, ethical experts and law enforcement discuss pain management as a fundamental human right in the midst of a national “pill mill” crisis.

Learn about resources to have your voice heard in this national discussion. Q&A will be available.

Purpose
The purpose of this forum is to increase public awareness how the public, media, community standards and pain experts may influence pain management.

Keynote Speaker
Myra Christopher holds the Kathleen M. Foley Chair in Pain and Palliative Care at the Center for Practical Bioethics where she was CEO and President from 1985-2011. She helped draft the1990 Self-Determination Act. Currently, Christopher is on the board of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation, a member of the editorial board of the American Journal of Bioethics (AJOB), a consultant for the Duke Institute for Care at the End-of-Life and serves on advisory boards for the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Expert Speakers
Lenore Duensing, MEd, is the Executive Director, American Academy of Pain Management
Mike Schmid, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor
Louie Ladson, RPh, Lincourt Pharmacy
Robert Twillman, Ph.D., FAPM is Director of Policy and Advocacy for the American Academy of Pain Management.

Moderator
Eric H. Carver, DHSc., MPA, MABMH, St. Petersburg College Faculty

Location
SPC Seminole Campus, Library Conference Center
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Seminole, FL

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Registration
There is no fee to attend the forum. Please arrive a few minutes early so you are seated when the forum begins.