

# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pediatric Bioethics Conference

## Friday, November 7, 2025



### Overview

Wolfson Children's Hospital and Baptist Health System, in partnership with the Florida Bioethics Network, present the **18th Annual Pediatric Bioethics Conference**.

With talks on pressing issues by experts in the field, this virtual conference will serve as fertile ground for the development and clarification of best practices in pediatric bioethics. It will include sessions on topics such as child participation in medical decision making, ethical issues in ultra-long hospitalizations, and strategies for working with challenging patients and families.

### Why you should attend

Ethics committees, health care practitioners, and public policy experts are consistently faced with difficult ethical challenges. This virtual conference will provide education surrounding these challenges, and an opportunity to engage peers and learn how others are grappling with the ethical issues that arise in pediatric healthcare.

### Who should attend

This course is designed for physicians, nurses, social workers, clergy, psychologists, health administrators, occupational therapists, speech therapists, physical therapists, pediatric mental health workers, pediatric specialists, medical students, nursing students, ethicists, philosophers, and others with an interest in or a need for continuing education in healthcare ethics.

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### How to register

Register online:

<https://18th-annual-pediatric-bioethics-conference.eventbrite.com>

If you have any questions about registration, please contact:

[InfoWolfsonBioethics@bmcjax.com](mailto:InfoWolfsonBioethics@bmcjax.com)



## Conference program

8 – 8:10 am

### Welcome and Introductions

**Alissa Hurwitz Swota, PhD**

Executive Director of Bioethics

Bioethicist, Wolfson Children's Hospital/Baptist Health System

8:10 – 9:10 am

### Ultra-Long Hospitalizations: The Ethics of Living in the Hospital

**Naomi Lavalent, MD, FAAP, HEC-C**

Charles Neil Weller Children's Development Research Professor

Clinical Professor of Pediatrics

Division Director, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Associate Chair for Career Development, Department of Pediatrics

Faculty Ethicist, Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine

University of Michigan Medical School

9:10 – 10:10 am

### Child Participation in Decision-Making: From Adult-Centered to Child-Centered Models

**Erica Salter, PhD, HEC-C**

Associate Professor of Health Care Ethics

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Chair, Department of Health Care Ethics

Saint Louis University

10:10 – 11:10 am

### Infertility, Ethics, and Protecting a Child's Right to an Open Future

**Yoram Unguru, MD, MS, MA, HEC-C**

Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

The Herman and Walter Samuelson Children's Hospital at Sinai

Chairman, Sinai Hospital Ethics Committee

Berman Institute of Bioethics

Johns Hopkins University

11:10 am – 12:10 pm

### Strategies for Working with Challenging Patients and Families

**Autumn Fiester, PhD**

Vice Chair for Education

MBE/MSME Faculty Program Director

Director, Penn Program for Clinical Conflict Management

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