

# Conversations in Ethics:

## Patient Capacity

A Continuing Medical Education Course  
Presented by the Baptist Health Bioethics Department

**Live, Virtual Conference | 1 Cat. 1**

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

**12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EDT**

April 30th Conversations in Ethics lecture series welcomes Paul S. Appelbaum, M.D., Professor from Columbia University.

Dr. Appelbaum will delve into the complexities surrounding patient capacity, a crucial concept in both clinical psychiatry and medical ethics. He will explore how mental health professionals assess a patient's ability to make informed decisions about their care, and how these assessments impact medical and ethical decision-making. Topics may include legal standards for determining capacity, challenges in evaluating it, and the ethical implications of capacity assessments in different clinical settings.

This lecture will be valuable for healthcare professionals, ethicists, and anyone interested in the intersection of mental health and medical decision-making. Dr. Appelbaum's expertise will offer deep insights into how the legal, ethical, and clinical dimensions of patient autonomy and decision-making intersect.

### **Faculty**

Paul S. Appelbaum, M.D.  
Dollard Professor of Medicine & Law  
Columbia University  
New York, NY

### **Target Audience**

Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Social Workers, Respiratory Therapists, Clinical Chaplains, Pharmacists, Medical Students, Registered Dietitians, Social Workers, and other interested healthcare professionals.

### **Learning Objectives**

- Discuss how patient must understand the information provided about their condition, the proposed treatments, potential risks and benefits, and the consequences of their decisions.
- Identify how the patient should be able to reason through the options available, including weighing the benefits and risks of different treatment options logically.

### **Accreditation**

Baptist Health South Florida is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Baptist Health South Florida designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This activity has been approved for 1 credit hour, CE Broker Course #20-700581, by the Florida Boards of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine and by the Florida Council of Physician Assistants.

This activity has also been approved for 1 credit for Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Pharmacists and Techs, Respiratory Therapists, Dietitians, Clinical Chaplain and Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling. Baptist Health South Florida CE Broker Provider #50-182.



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