

# Conversations in Ethics:

## Ethical Challenges in the COVID Pandemic?

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

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

**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

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

Our May 21 Conversations in Ethics lecture series welcomes M. Sara Rosenthal, Ph.D., professor of bioethics and founding director of the University of Kentucky's bioethics program.

The lecture will explore the ethical, legal and social issues raised by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in relation to clinical trials, drug distribution and vaccine development during a public health emergency. By examining historical precedents and ethical frameworks, the course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the complexities involved in public health crises and the ethical decisions that must be made.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has led to an overwhelming loss of life, the world has been forced to respond with unprecedented urgency. In the rush to develop effective treatments and vaccines, questions of ethics, risk and fairness have become central. This course will delve into these challenges, exploring how society can balance the urgent need for action with the obligation to uphold ethical principles.

### Faculty

M. Sara Rosenthal, Ph.D.  
Professor of Bioethics  
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### 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 the balance between the need for rapid development of treatments and the protection of participants' rights and safety.
- Identify the framework for conducting clinical trials in the context of an urgent global health crisis.
- Address the challenges of ensuring access to these treatments across diverse populations, including marginalized groups.

### 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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