



Consortium Ethics Program Seminar Series

Friday, March 11, 2022

9:00—10:30 am: Treating Endocarditis in Patients with Substance Use Disorder: Ethical Issues



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ABSTRACT: This presentation will identify and analyze ethical issues related to heart valve replacement surgery for patients with drug use-associated infective endocarditis. In particular, the presentation will consider arguments for and against withholding heart valve replacement surgery from patients with drug use-associated infective endocarditis and will evaluate the practice of requiring drug users to sign contracts pledging to stop using drugs before receiving heart valve replacement surgery.

10:30 am – Noon: Ethical and Social Issues in Sickle Cell Treatment



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ABSTRACT: This presentation will begin with consideration of the ethical and social ramifications of Sickle Cell Disease's introduction to the Americas and its subsequent history. Selected symptoms and complications of Sickle Cell Disease—including but not limited to pain—will be reviewed. Finally, the presentation will examine the intersecting social challenges faced by individuals living with Sickle Cell Disease and by clinicians seeking to provide them with ethical treatment.

On-line via Zoom—Registration Required

Contact Jody Stockdill at cep@pitt.edu for additional information.