Continuing Education Credits:

Social Workers: This program has been approved for 6.25 Clinical Continuing Education Credits in Ethics by the National Association of Social Workers, VT Chapter (CEU #1014).

Lawyers: An application has been submitted to the Vermont MCLE board for 6.25 Continuing Legal Education credits.

Target Audience:

Physicians, nurses, social workers, hospice volunteers, chaplains, and other professionals & individuals seeking to improve their ability to obtain informed consent in complex clinical situations and at end-of-life.

Location:

This will be a virtual conference with all sessions livestreamed. The link to participate will be emailed following receipt of registration. Register online at www.vtethicsnetwork.org.

Featured Plenary Talks By:

Thaddeus Mason Pope, JD, PhD – Health Law Professor & Bioethicist, Director of the Health Law Institute at Mitchell Hamline School of Law (St. Paul, MN)

Thaddeus Mason Pope is a foremost expert on medical law and clinical ethics. He maintains a special focus on patient rights and healthcare decision-making. Pope is Director of the Health Law Institute at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota. While he serves in a range of consulting capacities, Pope has been particularly influential through his extensive, high-impact scholarship. Ranked among the Top 20 cited health law scholars in the U.S., Pope has over 220 publications in leading medical journals, bioethics journals, and law reviews. He coauthors the definitive treatise The Right to Die: The Law of End-of-Life Decisionmaking, and runs the Medical Futility Blog.

Guy Maytal, MD – Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Chief of Integrated Care and Psychiatric Oncology at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical College

Guy Maytal, MD is widely regarded for his expertise at the interface of internal medicine and psychiatry, in particular working with Primary Care Medicine and with Oncology to care for patients with medical illness – especially those diagnosed with cancer or other life-limiting illnesses. He treats psychiatrically ill populations in two separate areas. The first is the Weill Cornell Cancer Center and Palliative Care Program. The second is the Psychiatry Collaborative Care Center. For over 10 years, Dr. Maytal has provided clinical leadership in the development and growth of clinical services, provided expert consultation and clinical care for patients across a broad spectrum of diagnoses, and taught students and peers across multiple medical specialties.

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Informed Consent: More Than a Piece of Paper

Unpacking the ethical, legal and practical considerations of obtaining informed consent in complex clinical situations and at end-of-life.

Monday, November 9, 2020
8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Virtual Event

In Partnership with the Palliative Care and Pain Management Task Force

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**Agenda**

8:15 – 8:30  Welcome & Orientation

8:30 – 9:45  Thaddeus M. Pope, JD, PhD – Informed Consent: Ethics & the Law

9:45 – 10:00  BREAK

10:00 – 11:00  Guy Maytal, MD – Complex Situations: Psychiatric Patients at End-of-Life

11:00 – 11:15  BREAK

11:15 – 12:15  Focused Discussions with Thad & Guy (choose one)
A. Thaddeus M. Pope, JD, PhD – Ethical & Legal Considerations in Honoring Do Not Spoon Feed Requests
B. Guy Maytal, MD – Capacity & Consent: Limits in Cases of Mental Illness & Dementia

12:15 – 12:45  LUNCH BREAK

12:45 – 1:45  Afternoon Breakout — Session 1 (choose one)
A. Zail Berry, MD, MPH – Surrogate Consent for Serious Illness Decisions
B. Honorable Jeffrey Kilgore, JD & Honorable E. Tobias (Toby) Balivet, JD – Consent Under Guardianship

1:45 – 2:00  BREAK

2:00 – 3:00  Afternoon Breakout — Session 2 (choose one)
A. Diana Barnard, MD – Code Status Discussions & Consent
B. Cindy Bruzzese, MPA, MSB, HEC-C & Erika Smart, JD – When Patients or Surrogates Refuse

3:00 – 3:05  BREAK

3:05 – 4:00  Thaddeus M. Pope, JD, PhD – Consent for Unrepresented Patients in the Intensive Care Unit

4:00 – 4:15  Wrap-up

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**Goals & Objectives**

- To understand the ethical obligations of obtaining informed consent.
- To improve provider comfort and ability of obtaining informed consent in complex clinical situations and at end-of-life.
- To develop tools in navigating consent for patients with co-occurring disease.
- To improve provider understanding of consent for patients with medical guardians.
- To develop improved skill in discussing serious illness with surrogates, guardians and patients.

**Presenters**

- **Honorable E. Tobias (Toby) Balivet, JD** — Retired Caledonia County Probate Judge
- **Diana Barnard, MD** — Palliative Care Physician at UVM Health Network’s Porter Medical Center
- **Zail Berry, MD, MPH** — Associate Professor of Medicine, Geriatrics Division, Larner College of Medicine and UVM Medical Center
- **Cindy Bruzzese, MPA, MSB, HEC-C** — Executive Director & Clinical Ethicist at Vermont Ethics Network and Clinical Ethicist at UVM Medical Center
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- **Erika Smart, JD** — Legal Risk Manager, UVM Health Network

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Please Select Your Breakout Sessions:

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Afternoon Breakout 1: A or B (circle one)

Afternoon Breakout 2: A or B (circle one)

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$100 (students & NON-continuing ed. credit)

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