

MEDICAL ETHICS

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON LIFE AND DEATH



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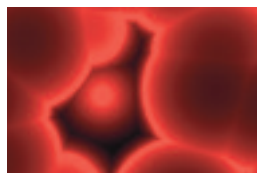
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Moral dilemmas abound when it comes to issues of life and death. Many are current news items.

This inaugural conference is founded on the conviction that a Christian perspective on medical ethics is not only available, but essential. This is our first attempt to bring to Sydney a forum where those interested in a biblical approach to medical ethics can meet. We will be covering a wide range of issues to introduce you to the breadth of the topic. There will also be opportunity to inquire about bioethical issues that aren't covered by our six expert presenters.



Speakers



Dr Andrew Cole
Why should Christians be interested in ethics in Medicine?

Andrew Cole is a Specialist in Rehabilitation Medicine, especially in the care of aged and cancer patients with disability. He is the Director of Medical & Allied Health Services for Hope Healthcare, a Christian aged and healthcare organisation, and is a Conjoint Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at UNSW.



Dr Patrina Caldwell
Medical research involving children
Patrina Caldwell is a general Paediatrician.

She is a Staff Specialist at The Children's Hospital at Westmead and a Senior Lecturer at the University of Sydney. She completed a PhD on the recruitment of children in randomized controlled trials. She is involved in the Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship of Australia.



Dr John Dearn
The 'ethanasia debate': clarifying the issues, the notion of autonomy and a Christian response

John Dearn is engaged in private and hospital practice in general medicine. He has taught at undergraduate and postgraduate levels for 25 years, and is currently Head of the Rural Medical School of Notre Dame University. He is deeply committed to the integration of faith, ethics and theology in medicine.



Dr Megan Best
Ethical issues at the beginning of life

Megan Best is a bioethicist and Palliative Care practitioner. She has been involved in developing public health policy for more than 10 years.



Dr Mel Cusi
Victorian abortion legislation: where does conscientious objection fit in?

Mel Cusi has worked as a sports physician in private practice in Sydney since 1993. He has taught at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, been a member of the Ethics Committee of the AMA (NSW), taught Ethics and Law in the Sydney University Faculty of Medicine and is a Foundation Member of the *Societas Ethica Internationalis*. Mel is a Conjoint Lecturer in the Sports Medicine Programs at UNSW and a Visiting Clinical Lecturer at the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya in Spain.



Melinda Tankard-Reist
'My Soul Died When My Baby Died': The Grief of Abortion

Melinda Tankard-Reist is a writer, commentator and women's advocate, with a special interest in women's health. She is author of *Giving Sorrow Words: Women's Stories of Grief After Abortion* and *Defiant Birth: Women Who Resist Medical Eugenics*. Melinda is involved in advocacy and support for women. She was on the board of Karinya House for Mothers and Babies and a director of Women's Forum Australia.

