



Center for
Bioethics & Health Law

***Dealing with Drugs: Ethical, Legal, and Policy Issues
From the Opioid Epidemic to Budget-Busting Blockbuster Drugs***
Annual Medical Ethics Conference – 2018

Friday, March 23, 2018 | 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Scaife Hall – 11th Floor Conference Center – University of Pittsburgh

- **Continuing education credit is available for lawyers, nurses, physicians, practitioners of dental medicine, social workers, and other health professionals**
This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™
- **Designed for clinicians and researchers, lawyers, clergy, community members, and students of the humanities and health and social sciences.**
- **This conference will explore the diverse roles drugs play in the health of individuals and the social and economic “health” of communities and American society. Speakers will address ethical, legal and policy issues associated with myriad uses and users of drugs.**
Substance-using pregnant women, opioid addiction, medical marijuana, adherence issues, conflict of interest in prescribing, high prices, valve replacement policies for addicted patients, pharmacogenomics

Ira R. Messer Lecture:

Combating the High Price of Drugs: What does patient empowerment have to do with it?

Peter A. Ubel, MD

Madge and Dennis T. McLawhorn

University Professor

Duke University

Keynote Lecture:

Pain Management and Subjectivity in a Climate of Distrust: The case of opioid contracts

Daniel Z. Buchman, MSW, PhD

Bioethicist, University Health Network

Assistant Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health

University of Toronto

Plenary Lecture:

The Role of Healthcare Financing in Causing (and Curbing) Opioid Abuse

Valarie Blake, JD, MA

Associate Professor of Law

West Virginia University

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