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:
Combatting 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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