

Involvement of Patient, Family, and Faith Community Perspectives in an Interprofessional Continuing Education Series on Ethics in Healthcare

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Background

- Incorporation of the "patient's voice" is recognized as an important part of developing high quality continuing education (CE) activities for health care providers.
- Education on healthcare ethics lends itself to incorporating the important perspectives of patients, family caregivers, and the faith community.
- The authors describe an annual series of day-long, live, interprofessional CE activities on healthcare ethics involving patient perspectives and faith community in educational planning and delivery.

Activities

2014 – End of Life Care



2015 – Geriatrics



2016 – Transplantation



2017 – Substance Use Disorder



General Objectives

- Explore healthcare ethical issues that arise in the care of patients in a given clinical area.
- Address the patient's or family's spiritual and religious beliefs in healthcare decision making.
- Identify how professionals work collaboratively to optimize patient care.

Planning Process

- Activities are planned by an executive committee of CE professionals in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and social work, as well as scholars in ethics and Jewish faith (Rabbi).
- Each year, interprofessional content experts and faith leaders are convened to assist in designing the activity.
- Patients, family members and/or advocates are included as faculty presenters and panelists.
- Each activity is designed with a mixture of educational methodologies, including plenary sessions, panel discussions, simulations, and breakout sessions

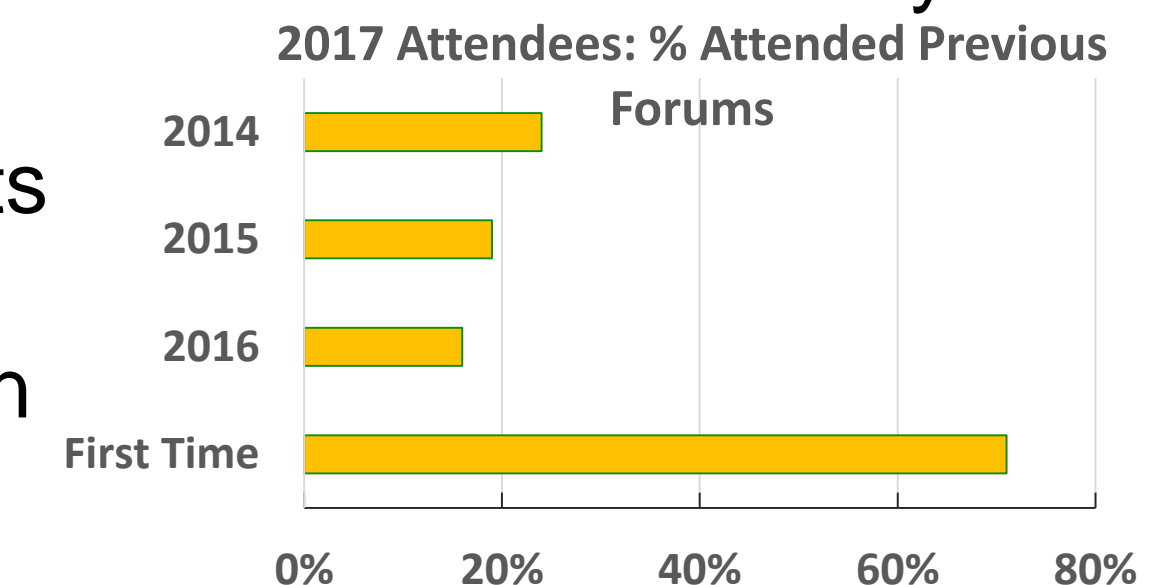
Planning Committee and Faculty Composition

	Health Care Professionals	Clergy/ Chaplaincy	Patient/Family
End-of-Life	Law-2, MD-3, Nsg-1, Pharm-2, SW-2	Christian-1 Jewish-1, Muslim-1	Case Analysis-2
Geriatrics	Dent-1, Law-2, MD-2, Nsg-2, Pharm-2, PT-1, SW-2	Christian-1 Jewish-1, Muslim-1	Case Analysis-1 (evolving)
Transplant	Exec-2, MD-2, Nsg-4, Pharm-2, PT-1, SW-2	Christian-1 Jewish-1	Patient-1, Family-1, Simulation-1
Substance Use Disorder	Law-2, MD-2, Nsg-1, Pharm-2, Psych-1, SW-3	Christian-2 Jewish-1	Patient-1

Dent-Dental, Exec-Executive, MD-Physician, Nsg-Nurse, Pharm-Pharmacist, Psych-Psychology, PT- Physical Therapy, SW-Social Work

Participation Data

- These activities are targeted to community professionals, faith communities and the lay public.
- Several participants reported attending multiple offerings in the series.



Evaluation Data

- Scores of 95% agree or strongly agree were received on evaluation items related to relevance to professional work, faculty expertise, and active learning.
- Broad involvement of faith and patient perspectives supported a very effective educational experience.

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