Caring for the Dying in a Technological Society
Recovery of Identity and the Revival of Self-Esteem at the End of Life

Keynote Address
Technomodernization of Death and the Challenges of the Whole Person Care
Professor Dr. Hubert Doucet
Director, Bioethics Programme, Institute of Clinical Research
Faculty of Medicine, University of Montreal

Friday, March 30, 2007
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PROGRAMME

8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introduction:
Ms. Laura Silver
9:10 a.m. Keynote Address:
Technomedicalization of Death and the Challenges of the Whole Person Care
Dr. Hubert Doucet,
Professor and Director,
Bioethics Programme,
University of Montréal
10:00 a.m. Question and Answer Period
10:15 a.m. Nutrition Break
10:30 a.m. Panel Presentation:
Religious and Cultural Considerations in Palliative Care:
Jewish Perspectives
Dr. Michael Gordon, MD, MSc, FRCP, FRCP-Edin,
Professor of Medicine,
University of Toronto
Islamic Perspectives:
Dr. Alireza Bagheri, MD, PhD
Clinical Ethics Fellow, JCB,
University of Toronto
Tamil Saiva-Hindu Perspectives:
Dr. Rajan Sriskandarajah, MD, MPH
Clinical Assistant Professor, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY
11:00 a.m. Question and Answer Period
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:00 Noon Question and Answer Period
12:15 p.m. LUNCH

1:30 p.m. Palliative Care for the Heart and Stroke Patients: South Asian Cultural Perspectives
Dr. Pon Sivaji, MD, FRCP, ABIM
Specialist in Internal Medicine and Critical Care
2:10 p.m. Question and Answer Period
2:15 p.m. Nutrition Break
2:30 p.m. The Self at Full Stretch: Living and Dying in a Technological Society
Dr. Mary Rowell, RN, MA, PhD
Bioethicist and formerly Professor of Nursing and Ethics at the University of Toronto and University of Western Ontario
3:15 p.m. Question and Answer Period
3:20 p.m. Concluding Remarks
Dr. Meera Selvakone,
Family Physician, Toronto, ON

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To enhance the quality of person focused care within the multicultural mosaic of Canada, through an inclusive, effective and innovative cross cultural and inter-religious health education for the benefit of patients, families and care-givers.

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Hubert Doucet is a Professor of Biomedical Ethics at the Université de Montréal where he holds appointments in the Faculties of Medicine and Theology. From 1981 to 1997, Dr. Doucet was Professor of Bioethics at St Paul University in Ottawa. His research and publications have focused on issues related to death and dying in the context of technological developments in health services, on the conditions for democratic debate in an environment marked by economic pressures, and on the challenges to research ethics created by an increasingly bureaucratic approach to end of life issues. In 2002, he published a guide on research ethics for health researchers, L’éthique de la recherche: Guide pour le chercheur en sciences de la santé. Among his prolific publications is the widely read book, Death in a Technological Society: An Ethical Reflection on Dying, (Ottawa: Novalis).

Closing Speaker:
Dr. Mary Rowell completed her graduate and doctoral degrees in England and she worked as the Director of the MHSc program in Bioethics at the University of Toronto and was also a staff member in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto. In addition to a number of publications in International Medical Journals, she has also addressed many Seminars and Conferences at the national and International fora. For many years she served as bioethicist at the Toronto Sick-kids Hospital and later worked as Bioethicist at St. Joseph’s Health Centre in London, Ontario where she was also a member of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario.