# At the End of Life: Agency, Role, and Responsibilities of the Physician/Advanced Practitioner

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# Course Description

Physicians and advanced practitioners have the privilege and duty to care for patients at the end of life. Sometimes their actions—including discontinuing life-support (including ventilators, cardiac devices, and dialysis), clinically supporting patients who voluntarily stop eating and drinking (VSED), providing palliative sedation, and, in states where it is legal, prescribing a lethal dose of medication to a dying patient—factor into a patient's death. These cases have clinical, legal, ethical, sociocultural, spiritual, and psychological dimensions that are often challenging for physicians and advanced practitioners to navigate.

At this conference, we'll set the stage for ongoing discussion of these practices and the issues physicians and advanced practitioners caring for dying patients often face, as both medical technology and patients' requests for planned death evolve.

The Washington End of Life Coalition—sponsored by the WSMA Foundation for Health Care Improvement—is partnering with the UW School of Medicine Department of Bioethics & Humanities, Cambia Palliative Care Center of Excellence at the University of Washington, and UW School of Law to present this national conference on the physician/advanced practitioner's agency, role and responsibilities at the end of life.

# Course Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, attendees should be able to:

- Examine physicians' and advanced practitioners' personal and professional agency when responding to requests to take actions that will factor into a patient's death.
- Review the current medico-legal, institutional policy, and professional frameworks in which these actions exist.
- Identify practices to foster community among physicians and advanced practitioners who receive requests to take these actions.

## Target Audience

This conference is aimed to engage a broad range of physicians and advanced practitioners including primary care providers, hospitalists, pulmonologists/intensivists, cardiologists, nephrologists, oncologists, geriatricians, palliative medicine specialists, pediatricians, and anyone else involved in the care of patients with life-limiting illness. Professionals from other disciplines, including law, ethics, psychology, and the clergy, will be featured as speakers and are invited to attend, along with other healthcare professionals and members of the general public.

## Faculty

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## Course Chairs

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4:45 pm

7:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15 am	Welcome and Introduction Hope Wechkin, MD
8:30 am	<b>Beauty, Meaning, and Agency at the End of Life</b> Haider Warraich, MD
9:20 am	Case Conference: Discontinuation of Ventilatory Support  Panelists: Joshua Benditt, MD; J. Randall Curtis, MD, MPH; and Rami Shapiro, PhD  Moderator: Lindy Klaff, MD, FCCP
10:35 am	BREAK
11:00 am	Case Conference: Discontinuation of Cardiac Devices  Panelists: Laura Morrison, MD, FAAHPM, FACP; James Kirkpatrick, MD;  and Barbara Reich, JD  Moderator: Mark Vossler, MD
12:15 pm	LUNCH
1:30 pm	Storytelling in Medicine: The Passion and the Peril Danielle Ofri, MD, PhD, D Litt (Hon), FACP
2:20 pm	Case Conference: Discontinuation of Dialysis  Panelists: Daniel Lam, MD; Lewis M. Cohen, MD; and Aaron Wightman, MD, MA  Moderator: Catherine Butler, MD
3:35 pm	BREAK
4:00 pm	Summary Panel and Audience Discussion  Panelists: Haider Warraich, MD; Denise Dudzinski, PhD, MTS;  Pat Kuszler, MD, JD; and Rami Shapiro, PhD





7:45 am Sign-In and Continental Breakfast

8:30 am Keepers of the Balance: The Physician's Mantle

Aasim Padela, MD, MSc

9:20 am Case Conference: Physician/Advanced Practitioner Support for Voluntary

Stopping of Eating and Drinking

Panelists: Timothy E. Quill, MD, MACP, FAAHPM; Linda Ganzini, MD, MPH;

and Thaddeus Pope, JD, PhD

Moderator: Gregg VandeKieft, MD, MA

10:35 am BREAK

11:00 am Case Conference: Physician Participation in Physician-Assisted Death

Panelists: Eric Walsh, MD; Thaddeus Pope, JD, PhD; and Judith Gordon, PhD

Moderator: Bruce Smith, MD, MACP

12:15 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm Case Conference: Palliative Sedation

Panelists: Timothy E. Quill, MD, MACP, FAAHPM; Barbara Reich, JD;

and Kayhan Parsi, JD, PhD

Moderator: Donna Smith, MD, MBA

2:45 pm BREAK

3:00 pm Summary Panel and Audience Discussion

Panelists: Denise Dudzinski, PhD, MTS; Barak Gaster, MD, FACP; Pat Kuszler, MD, JD;

and Joseph McCreery, MD Moderator: Hope Wechkin, MD

4:00 pm Hippocrates and the Rabbis:

Doing No Harm vs. Being a Blessing

Rami Shapiro, PhD

4:45 pm ADJOURN

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