CONTROVERSIES IN END OF LIFE CARE: TERRI SCHIAVO’S LESSONS

October 10 & 11, 2005
Smith College

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• Baystate Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry
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Terri Schiavo’s circumstances justifiably generated considerable national attention, as they were the basis for the most litigated and legislated end-of-life care case in US history. We believe that there is an important opportunity for palliative medicine, social work, and allied disciplines to reflect on our assumptions about the management of catastrophically and terminally ill individuals. The conference faculty are national experts who have been convened to make this case immediately and poignantly relevant to your practice. The conference intends to go beyond the sound bites that informed most of us about Terri Schiavo and her family, and it will focus in a respectful and scholarly manner on the controversial medical, ethical, legal, social, and psychological issues.

STATEMENT OF NEED

Educational grants for this program were provided by

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LEARNER OBJECTIVES

OCTOBER 10

By participating in this program, you should be able to:
1. Describe the ethical principles underlying decisions to withdraw artificial nutrition and hydration.
2. Describe the physical symptoms that can be anticipated following withdrawal of artificial nutrition and hydration.
3. Discuss the positive sequelae associated with bereavement.
4. Discuss the dilemma posed to psychiatry by decisions to withhold or withdraw life-support.
5. Describe how suicide has been considered in earlier societies.
6. Discuss whether decisions to withdraw life-support treatment from people who lack the capacity to meaningfully participate in the discussion should be considered medical murder.
7. Discuss whether there is a relationship between death-hastening decisions and suicide.

OCTOBER 11

By participating in this program, you should be able to:
1. Describe how the disability community has reacted to the Schiavo case.
2. Discuss how to understand patient communications requesting assistance with hastened death.
3. Discuss how palliative care practitioners ought to respond to communications requesting assistance with hastened death.
4. Describe the legal status of physician-assisted suicide in the United States.
5. Discuss the current neurological nosology for disorders of consciousness.
6. Discuss the ethical principles that form the basis for treating people with disorders of consciousness.
7. Describe theological differences in decisions to withdraw life-support.
8. Describe the legislative efforts to prevent the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration in the Schiavo case.
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 10

7:30 Registration, Exhibits and Multimedia presentations
8:00 Welcome and Introduction
   Joan Berzoff, MSW, EdD & Lewis Cohen, MD
   Carol Christ, PhD - President, Smith College
8:30 Nutrition & Hydration at the End-of-Life
   Linda Ganzini, MD, MPH
   Discussant: Christine Mitchell, RN, MS, MTS
10:10 Death’s Legacy
   Joan Berzoff, MSW, EdD
11:00 Break and Move to Workshops
11:15 Workshops & Discussion:
   A. Hospice Issues
      Patricia Hanson, MSW & Laura Lee Whitten, RN
   B. Humor
      John Linder, LICSW
   C. The Elderly and End-of-Life
      Benjamin Liptzin, MD & Maura Brennan, MD
   D. Pain Management at the End-of-Life
      Alfred McKee, MD & Cathy Greenquist, RN
   E. Neurological Disorders
      Toby Tider, MSW, LICSW & Judith Kennedy Schwarz, RN, MS, PhD
   F. Psychosocial Ethics at the End of Life
      Susan Gerbino, MSW, PhD & Zelda Foster, LICSW, MSW

Discussion Groups - These will be facilitated by the keynote speakers and other faculty.

12:30 Lunch
1:30 Introduction
1:40 “A Rose for Emily”: The Lifeless Body as Love Object and
   The Case of Theresa Marie Schindler Schiavo
   Thomas Szasz, MD
   Discussant: Barry Rosenfeld, PhD
3:00 Questions and Discussion
3:20 Break, Refreshments and Move to Workshops
3:40 Workshops & Discussion:
   Workshops: Registration is limited to 30 people
   A. The Disability Community’s Response
      Carol Owen, PhD, MA, LICSW & Laura Rauscher, MEd
   B. Bereavement
      Joan Berzoff, MSW, EdD & Susan Gerbino, MSW, PhD
   C. Murder and Euthanasia Accusations
      Lewis Cohen, MD & Christine Mitchell, RN, MS, MTS
   D. Humor
      Maura Brennan, MD
   E. Religion and Palliative Care
      Rev. Dr. Andrea Ayvasian & James Hartley, PhD

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4:45 Adjourn
OCTOBER 11

7:30  Registration, Exhibits and Multimedia Presentations

8:00  Welcome and Introduction
      Joan Berzoff, MSW, EdD & Lewis Cohen, MD
      Carolyn Jacobs - Dean, School for Social Work
      Benjamin Liptzin, MD

8:30  Expressions of Desire for Hastened Death
      Nessa Coyle, NP, PhD & Judith Kennedy Schwarz, RN, MS, PhD

9:40  Coffee Break & Exhibits

10:00 Rethinking Disorders of Consciousness  Joseph J. Fins, MD, FACP
      Discussant: Benjamin Liptzin, MD

12:00 Lunch

1:00  Legal/Social/Political Panel
      Thomas Szasz, MD,  Steven Arons, JD,
      Zita Lazzarini, MD, PhD,  Laura Rauscher, MEd
      Moderator: Anita Sarro, RN, MSN, JD

2:40  Religion & Spirituality at the End of Life:
      “What Does it Mean to be Human?”
      James Hartley, PhD,  Rev. Dr. Andrea Ayvasian,  Hussien Farrag, MD,
      Justin David, MA, MHL,  Martin J. Pion, MA, DMin
      Moderators: Rev. Martin Montonye, DMin & Chaplain Ute Schmidt, MDiv

3:40  Break and Move to Workshops

4:00  Workshops & Discussion:
      A. Ethics and Neurological Disorders
         Joseph Fins, MD, FACP & Toby Tider, MSW, LSW
      B. Assisted Dying
         Judith Kennedy Schwarz, RN, MS, PhD & Linda Ganzini, MD, MPH
      C. Legal Controversies
         Zita Lazzarini, JD, MPH & Steven Arons, JD
      D. Humor   TBA
      E. Incapacitated Patients and Palliative Care
         Maura Brennan, MD & Thomas Campfield, MD
      F. Hospice Issues
         Laura Lee Whitten, RN & Patricia Hanson, MSW
      G. The Disability World's Response
         Carol Owen, PhD, MA, LICSW & Laura Rauscher, MEd
      H. Hospice Controversies
         Carla Braveman, RN, BSN & Zelda Foster, LICSW, MSW

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5:00  Adjourn
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Baystate Health System designates this educational activity for a maximum of 7.0 (October 10) and 7.0 (October 11) category 1 credits toward the Physician’s Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the activity.

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Baystate Health System is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses, Inc., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.
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Baystate Health System is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer Continuing Education for Psychologists. Baystate Health System maintains responsibility for this program. This workshop carries 7.0 CE credits for each day.

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This program was approved for October 10 and October 11 Continuing Education Credits by Smith College School for Social Work and assigned authorization number in accordance with Continuing Education Regulation 258 CME, Category 1, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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*From the East or West via the Massachusetts Turnpike:* Northampton is on Route I-91 North (Mass Pike exit 4). Once on I-91, follow the directions above for visitors from the south.

**BY AIR**

The closest airport is Bradley International. It is served by most major airlines and is located about 35 miles south of Northampton near Hartford, Connecticut.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS**

A block of rooms will be held at the following two hotels until September 9, 2005 at the special conference rate of $89.

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The Autumn Inn is a 10 minute walk to the Smith College Campus. For overnight accomodations at either hotel call 413-586-1211 or 1-800-582-2929 and ask for the Baystate Health System rate of $89 single or double occupancy. Note: The rate at the Autumn Inn for Sunday night is $153.

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Tuition includes lunch, refreshment breaks, and course syllabus. There is no charge for parking.

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