

Health Ethics Symposium – Ethics of Living with and Beyond COVID-19
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SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES



Tracey Bailey, BA, LLB, QC has 30 years' experience in providing legal, legislative, policy, and ethics advice on a wide range of issues in health law. She has worked in both public and private practice settings, including as Corporate Counsel for Alberta Health, and General Counsel Health Law for Alberta Justice and Solicitor General. She also served in an academic position for close to a decade as Executive Director of the Health Law Institute at the University of Alberta where she conducted a wide range of legal and law reform projects, working locally, provincially, nationally and internationally on a broad range of issues in health law; edited a peer-reviewed publication; taught extensively in the health professional faculties and the law faculty; published on a wide range of topics; conducted media interviews; organized national health law conferences; and provided outreach education for the public and others. In addition to her current work with the Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, she is Associate Counsel with Miller Thomson LLP where she advises health system and health professional clients.



Peter Brindley, MD, FRCPC, FRCP (Edin), is, first and foremost, a full-time Critical Care Physician...and darn proud of it too! His interests and publications centre on various aspects of resuscitation, including the importance of crisis management and human factors, the use of simulation, and practical insights that improve teamwork during acute care. Peter is a founding member of the Canadian Resuscitation Institute and its vice-chair. He is Western Canada's representative for the Royal College of Edinburgh, and North American Ambassador for Continuous Medical Education. He was first visiting scholar for the Intensive Care Society of the UK. He is secretary of the Canadian Critical Care Society.



Heidi Janz, PhD specializes in Disability Ethics. She is currently the Chair of the Council of Canadians with Disabilities, Ending-of-Life Ethics Committee, and serves on the federal government's COVID-19 and Disability Advisory Group. In her "other life," Heidi is a writer/playwright and filmmaker. Her creative work focusses on making the experiences of people with disabilities accessible to audiences made up of both people with disabilities and people who are temporarily able-bodied.



Ari Joffe, MD, FRCPC is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta. He is an attending physician in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine. He has interests in animal ethics [e.g., is it morally permissible to perform harmful animal research? (no)], and the definition of death [e.g., is brain death the state of death of the human organism? (no), and is the donation after circulatory death donor dead when organ removal starts? (no)]. His other research interests are in long-term outcomes in children having complex interventions in the pediatric intensive care unit, focusing on potentially modifiable acute care variables that may lead to improved decision making and outcomes. He has published broadly on these topics and others.



Brendan Leier, PhD earned his doctorate from the Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta, in 2002. Brendan is currently the Clinical Ethicist at the University of Alberta and Stollery Children's Hospitals and Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute. He is Adjunct Professor with the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre. Brendan is presently doing research on the topics of pediatric best interest, moral distress, end-of-life decision-making, transplant ethics, ethics of medical technology, compassion in the practice of medicine, risk and decision-making.



Gillian Lemermeyer, PhD, FRE, RN is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Nursing. Gillian's current research explores the embodied ethics of healthcare practices, employing a phenomenological method to investigate the nurse's touch in the neonatal intensive care unit. Past research projects have explored the experience of families in the NICU and during the process of considering organ donation. Her nursing background is in neonatal intensive care, family bereavement, and professional regulation. Her teaching practice is in healthcare ethics and nursing leadership.

Lynora Saxinger, MD is an academic Infectious Diseases specialist, whose professional career outside patient care is focused on antimicrobial stewardship and antimicrobial resistance, with involvement in hospital, health system and national collaborations to improve antibiotic stewardship practice, and resistance and utilization surveillance. She is a founding member and past chair of the Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship Committee of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Canada, and has worked as an advisor with both the Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee/CNISP collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada, and with the Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance in utilization reporting of human antimicrobial use data. She has also been a consultant to the Auditor General of Canada, and was a Principle Investigator of a commissioned 2012 report for the National Collaborating Centre for

Infectious Diseases, “**Antimicrobial Resistance and Utilization Surveillance in Canada**”. She is involved in education, policy development and knowledge translation in medical and other health care professional training, and has spoken at agricultural/food animal meetings as well as veterinary conferences on antimicrobial resistance and changing patterns of antimicrobial use. Her current role is Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Alberta, and Medical Lead of Antimicrobial Stewardship for Northern Alberta, with Alberta Health Services.



Michael van Manen, MD, PhD, FRCPC(Peds, NICU, CIP) Endowed Chair in Health Ethics is the Director of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics. Michael also has a clinical practice as a physician in neonatal-perinatal medicine with the Stollery Children’s Hospital. His research is primarily concerned with relational ethics, situated within the tradition of phenomenology. Michael is considered an international expert in qualitative health research. His research projects relate to ethical decision-making, the experiential life of the fetus/newborn, the use of medical technologies in clinical encounters, and patient-family experiences of hospital care.