21st Annual Ethics of Caring Conference

Wednesday, 19 March 2014

Carnesale Commons
UCLA Conference Center
Course Description:
Understanding our values and where we stand on ethical issues in healthcare is not something that we always take time to assess and discuss. Answering the question, “Where do you stand?” can often be difficult, especially when faced with challenging cases in the heat of the moment. Where we stand can be literal and geographical, in that we may work in the ICU, in home hospice, in the emergency room or the outpatient clinic. Where we stand also represents our moral compasses, true values, and what we choose to defend ethically, politically, socially and nationally. This year’s conference theme calls us to choose the right over the expedient, involvement over detachment, to care enough to act to effect change from wherever it is that we stand.

Our Keynote speaker, Pamela Grace, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, will talk with us about the essential characteristics of effective healthcare professionals. She will challenge us to look at our values and moral obligations to our patients. She will show us how our actions have a ripple effect and profound impact not only on our patients, but also on our colleagues, on health care and on society at large. In the plenary session, a team of researchers will describe how a nurse researcher-clinician team conducted and used evidence from critical incident and ethnographic research studies to construct two nursing ethics models. Breakouts will include diverse topics with ethical implications such as: caring for the transgendered patient, use of social media in healthcare, advance care planning, the role of nursing leadership to promote an ethical environment, the pediatric transplant patient, and helping nurses stay engaged. These topics will continue to motivate us and help us explore our values, our prejudices, and how we can lead by example.

Course Objectives:
1. Discuss the essential characteristics of effective healthcare professionals to achieve ethical outcomes.
2. Identify characteristics nurses need in order to influence change and how to appropriately respond to barriers.
3. Describe early nursing interventions to prevent or mitigate ethical conflict and moral distress.
4. Discuss one way you can demonstrate leadership to create an ethical environment.

“Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another.” John C. Maxwell
7:30-8:00  Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:00-8:15  Welcome/Introduction
8:15-9:45  Keynote: Influencing Those Around You: Nursing Ethics and Professional Responsibility
Pamela Grace, PhD, RN, FAAN

10:00-11:00  Plenary: Strengthening Nurses’ Voices in Ethically-Difficult Situations
Katherine Brown-Saltzman, BSN, MA, RN
Patricia Jakel, MN, RN, AOCN
Carol Pavlish, PhD, RN, FAAN

11:00-12:00  Case Discussions
12:00-1:00  Lunch
1:00-3:00  Breakout Sessions
A. Considering Boundaries - The Use of Social Media in Healthcare
Anita Cotlin, DNSc, FNP, FAAN
B. Pediatric Bioethics and Issues in Organ Donation
Jennifer Leitham, Musician, Jazz Bass Player
C. Cracking the Code of Advance Care Planning: Uses, Misuses and Common Excuses
Kevin Dirksen, MDiv, M.Sc.
Patricia Jakel, MN, RN, AOCN
D. Ethical Concerns in Caring for Transgender Individuals
Pamela Grace, PhD, RN, FAAN
E. Idealism vs. Reality – Helping Nurses Stay Engaged
Brenda Barnum, BSN, MA, RN
Anna Dermenchyan, BSN, RN, CCRN-CSC
F. Responding to Ethical Issues: The Challenge of Being in a Leadership Role
Carol Pavlish, PhD, RN, FAAN
Joanne Pileggi, MSN, RN, NE-BC
Amy Heers, BA
Nicole Iorio, BA

3:15-4:15  Closing: Against All Odds: Nurses Who Lead from Where they Stand
Betty Ferrell, PhD, MA, RN, FAAN, FPCN

4:15-4:30  Closing Remarks and Evaluation
**Course Fee:**
Early registration for sponsoring institutions, students & retirees: $100  
All others: $150.

Deadline for Early Registration is Monday, March 3, 2014.

Late registration fees are $120 and $175, respectively.  
Course fee includes syllabus, continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments and parking.

**Continuing Education:**
- **Nursing:** Provider approved by CA BRN, Provider # 12511, for 7.5 hours of continuing education
- **Social Workers/MFT:** City of Hope National Medical Center/Beckman Research Institute approved by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, Provider #2401 for 6.5 hours of continuing education for LCSWs.

No partial CE credits will be given. Participant must attend entire program to receive contact hours/CE credits.

**Cancellation Policy:**
Until February 27, 2014, 80% of the fee will be refunded. After that date, no refunds will be issued.

**New Location:** Carnesale Commons  
(A one minute walk south of Sunset Village)  
UCLA Conference Center in Westwood  
251 Charles E Young Dr West  
Los Angeles CA 90024

**Parking:**
Please park at Sunset Village Parking (PSV). Any overflow parking will be redirected.

**Carpooling:**
Ethics of Caring supports good environmental choices.  
A link for carpooling is available at www.ethicsofcaring.org.  
Anyone carpooling will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate for a spa massage.

For more information visit www.ethicsofcaring.org or contact Mona Mazraani at ethicscenter@mednet.ucla.edu or at 310 794-6219.

**Online:**
To register and pay online with credit card,  
visit our secure payment website: www.ethicsofcaring.org

**Mail:**
NO PERSONAL CHECKS will be accepted.  
Cashier Checks & Money Orders only, made payable to:  
Ethics of Caring  
Please mail with registration form to:  
Ethics of Caring  
10920 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 150-9154  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
Confirmations will be sent if email address is provided

**No phone registrations**

**Cost:**
If paid by March 3, 2014:  
$100 for sponsoring institutions, students & retirees  
$150 for all others  
If paid after March 3, 2014: $120 and $175, respectively

**Concurrent Breakout Sessions:**
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**Special dietary needs:**

☐ Vegetarian Meal