

PAEDIATRICS PALLIATIVE CARE & BIOETHICS

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theory
and praxis?**

on-line lecture

**Tuesday, 28 October 2025
16:00 CET, via MS Teams**



OBJECTIVES



To review

To review and critique contemporary western approaches to bioethics in the paediatric palliative care context



To elaborate

To elaborate the bioethics "toolkit" by considering the role of Intersectionality and Trauma Informed Care in the context



To apply

To apply bioethics analysis using a case-based approach

SYNOPSIS

The ethics of paediatric palliative care raise some of the most difficult and contested considerations. These include crucial and sometimes elusive concepts of quality of life, best interests, 'treatments', and who decides. The successes of interventions in congenital conditions, cancer and trauma mean that more children may face the prospect of dying beyond earliest childhood. In the Canadian context, the tensions saturate the spectrum of possibilities and include questions of whether,

for example, a baby born with Trisomy 18 should have corrective heart surgery, and, whether medical assistance in dying should be made available to children. The most commonly invoked bioethics tools can appear to offer little to address these challenges. Using a case-based approach, this lecture will review the ethics "toolkit" for these deliberations, and introduce more recent ethical modalities which can help inform our deliberations.

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