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Friday, November 13th

Panel 1: Health Care Disparities
Moderator: Marshall Chin

8:00 AM: Japanese Cherry Blossoms, COVID-19, and Hope for All (Marshall Chin, University of Chicago)
8:15 AM: Health Disparities and COVID-19 (Monica Peek, University of Pennsylvania)
8:30 AM: The Disease of the Century: How Alzheimer’s Disease Became a Crisis and What We Can Do About It (Jason Karlawish, University of Pennsylvania)
8:45 AM: Inequidemic: Differential Impact of COVID-19 on U.S. Women’s Health (Stacy Lindau, University of Chicago)
9:00 - 9:30 AM: Panel Discussion plus Q&A
9:30 - 9:55 AM: Break

Panel 2: Clinical Medical Ethics I
Moderator: Peter Ubel

10:00 AM: Should Surrogates Be Required to Sign POLST Forms? (Susan Tolle, Oregon Health and Science University)
10:15 AM: 2004, A Fulbright Award and an Accidental Ethics Fellowship: The Creation of the Underrecognized and Inappropriate Role of Surgeons as Ethical Champions (Emily Landon, University of Chicago)
10:30 AM: Moral Injury and Academic Medicine: A Difficult Aspect of Clinical Ethics (Laure Roberts, Stanford University)
10:45 AM: Can Shared Decision Making Really Disrupt Clinical Momentum? (Gretchen Schwarze, University of Wisconsin - Madison)
11:00 AM: You’re Gonna Make Me Lonesome When You Go (David Schiedermayer, Theeda Care)
11:15 - 11:45: Panel Discussion plus Q&A
11:45 AM - 1:25 PM: Lunch Break

Panel 3: Ethical Issues and COVID-19 I
Moderator: Mark Siegler

1:30 PM: COVID-19: Clinical and Ethical Challenges (Emily Landon, University of Chicago)
1:45 PM: COVID-19 and the World Health Organization (Peter Singer, WHQ)
2:00 PM: Collaboration From Crisis: We Are All in This Together (Kelly Michelson, Northwestern University)
2:15 PM: Experimentation in a Time of Crisis: Controlled Trials or Case Reports (Savitra Fedson, Baylor University)
2:30 PM: Silver Linings to the Pandemic: Some Good News (John La Puma, ChefMD)
2:45 PM: Journal of The Plague Year: Ethics and COVID-19 (Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago)
3:00 - 3:30 PM: Panel Discussion plus Q&A
3:30 - 3:55 PM: Break

Panel 4: Ethical Issues and COVID-19 II
Moderator: John Schumann

4:00 PM: Simulating Scarce Healthcare Resource Allocation Systems: Bringing Data to Debate (Will Parker, University of Chicago)
4:30 PM: Surrogate Decision-Making in COVID-19 patients (Alexia Torke, Indiana University)
4:45 PM: Ethical Issues in India’s Response to COVID-19 (Anup Malani, University of Chicago)
5:00 PM: Autonomy and the Novel Coronavirus (John Schumann, Oklahoma University-Tulsa)
5:15 - 5:45 PM: Panel Discussion plus Q&A

Saturday, November 14th

Panel 5: Pediatric Ethics
Moderator: Lainie Ross

8:00 AM: Revisiting the Use of Children as Organ Donors (Mark Sheldon, Northwestern University)
8:15 AM: Reducing Pediatric Eye Care Disparities: The Roles of Schools, Providers, and Legislators (Megan Collins, John Hopkins University)
8:30 AM: Who Speaks for The Child When The Parent(s) Cannot? (Lainie Ross, University of Chicago)
8:45 AM: Once A Man and Twice A Child (Eric Kodish, Cleveland Clinic)
9:00 AM: Three Lessons Learned As Our Children’s Hospital Responded to COVID-19 (John Lantos, University of Missouri-Kansas City)
9:15 - 9:45 AM: Panel Discussion plus Q&A

Panel 6: Surgical Ethics
Moderator: Peter Angelos

11:15 AM: Surgical Ethics and the MacLean Center: From Oxymoron to Essential Components of Surgical Ethics (Peter Angelos, University of Chicago)
11:30 AM: Redesigning Surgical Informed Consent (Alex Langerman, Vanderbilt University)
11:45 AM: Should Anesthesiologists and Surgeons Take Break During Cases? (Sara Scarlet, University of North Carolina)
12:00 PM: Surgical Residents as Quality Control Agents: An Underrecognized and Inappropriate Role (Megan Applewhite, Albany Medical College)
12:15 PM: Values, Personal Perspectives, and Experiences in Uterus Transplantation (Giuliano Testa, Baylor University)
12:30 - 1:00 PM: Panel Discussion plus Q&A
1:00 PM - 2:25 PM: Lunch Break

Panel 7: Clinical Medical Ethics II
Moderator: Tracy Koogler

2:30 PM: Disaster Preparedness and Social Justice in a Public Health Emergency (Harold Pollack, University of Chicago)
2:45 PM: Crisis Standards of Care and Liability Shields (Valerie Koch, University of Chicago)
3:00 PM: The Surrogate: Representative or Owner? (Daniel Brudney, University of Chicago)
3:15 PM: How to Have Theory in an Epidemic of Data: Drugs, Systems, and Rapid Innovations (Niranjani Kamik, Rush University)
3:30 PM: Informed Consent in Medicine: What Does Autonomy Have to Do With It? (Lynn Jansen, Oregon Health and Science University)
3:45 - 4:15 PM: Panel Discussion plus Q&A
4:15 - 4:30 PM: CONCLUDING REMARKS (Mark Siegler, University of Chicago)