

# The 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the NH/VT Ethics Committees Physician Aid-in-Dying: The Controversy Continues



**October 7, 2019 • 10:30 Registration • Conference 11:00 – 4:45 pm**  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Auditorium G, Lebanon, NH

## OVERVIEW

Physician aid-in-dying refers to a prescription by a physician of a lethal dose of medication to a patient, upon their request and under certain conditions. The practice enables the patient to take the medication if they choose to hasten their death. The goal is to allow the patient to control the time and manner of his or her closely approaching death so as to preserve personal dignity and prevent potentially refractory pain and distress. Although physician aid-in-dying is legal in several states including Vermont and Maine, the issue remains controversial. Whatever their position on the controversy, health care professionals have an ethical duty to be knowledgeable about this evolving end of life option. Join us as we discuss the ethics of this emotional and sensitive issue.

## LEARNING OUTCOME(S)

At the conclusion of this learning activity, participants will be able to discuss at least two ethical challenges that arise when physician aid-in-dying is requested by a patient or family.

## REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$25. Students currently enrolled in school that are not currently employed are free of charge but you need to register ahead time. Vermont and New Hampshire Ethics Committee Members are free of charge advance registration is required for planning purposes.

For a need-based scholarship, please contact Amanda Sanchez at [Amanda.E.Sanchez@Hitchcock.org](mailto:Amanda.E.Sanchez@Hitchcock.org)

Please note that we provide a simple light lunch. Options are limited. If you have specific dietary needs, please plan to bring your food with you to the conference. For conferences held on-site at DHMC, there are several options available for food purchases including our two hospital cafeterias.

To register, please visit the event website: <http://med.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/ce>

For registration questions, please call (603) 653-1234 or email [clpd.support@hitchcock.org](mailto:clpd.support@hitchcock.org).

If you need to cancel your registration, please call (603) 653-1234 or email [clpd.support@hitchcock.org](mailto:clpd.support@hitchcock.org). Cancellations should be made 10 days in advance. See event website for refund policy.

## ACCREDITATION

Dartmouth-Hitchcock is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock designates this live activity for a maximum of 4.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Nursing Continuing Education Council is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This educational activity carries 4.25 contact hours.

Application for social work continuing education credits has been submitted, please email [Amanda.E.Sanchez@hitchcock.org](mailto:Amanda.E.Sanchez@hitchcock.org) to check on the status of this application.

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