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Series 1 2010

**HEALTH CARE ETHICS AND THE NEW ZEALAND
HEALTH SYSTEM**

Dates: Tuesday, 2 March – Tuesday, 27 April 2010

Time: 10.00 am – 12 noon

Venue: Leith Bowling Club, Duke Street, Dunedin North

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 100

Course Fee: \$30.00

Tea and Coffee provided

Course Organiser: Graham Mortimer (477 0546)

**Course Assistants: Mayford Dawson (467 2090)
Sue Harvey (471 0546)**

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course in each series (subject to numbers). If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preference on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, 10 February 2010, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 19 February

Any questions about courses after 19 February should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

Please keep this brochure as a reminder of venue, dates, and times for the courses for which you apply.

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March 2 Values in Medicine – what we really do to patients.

The contribution of science to modern medicine and the dangers of scientific over-emphasis. The patient at centre-stage identifying the nature of medical interventions, patient needs and measurement of successful outcomes.

(Professor Donald Evans, Bioethics Centre, Dunedin School of Medicine)

March 9 Population Based Funding - just another funding mechanism?

Core principles – how it differs – impact on Otago – is it working for NZ Health. Is it sustainable - Is there life after PBF?

(Brian Rousseau, Chief Executive Officer of Otago DHB and Southland DHB)

March 16 Elective Surgery and the Booking system.

Electives policy, prioritisation criteria, ethical review and monitoring.

(Helen Williams, Service Manager, Otago District Health Board)

(Professor Donald Evans, Bioethics Centre, Dunedin School of Medicine)

March 23 Diabetes and Obesity in Adolescence.

The nature of the problem, legal and ethical issues of adolescent autonomy with case studies.

(Professor Jim Mann, Department of Human Nutrition, Dunedin School of Medicine and Edgar Centre for Diabetes Research)

(Professor Nicola Peart, Faculty of Law, University of Otago)

March 30 Dealing with Aliens: Issues in Psychiatry.

Psychiatric illness is problematic in that those affected seem to be unlike others and not properly in tune with the world. Being somebody – alienation – the broken soul – the idea of autonomy – the challenge of care and recovery.

(Professor Grant Gillett, Bioethics Centre, Dunedin School of Medicine)

Compulsory treatment in the age of human rights - the legal meaning of mental disorder – justifying treatment without consent – the challenge of compulsory community care.

(Professor John Dawson, Faculty of Law, University of Otago)

April 6. [Easter Tuesday] No session.

April 13 Communication and ethical challenges in oncology practice.

Expensive and unfunded cancer medicines - resource allocation in oncology-the patient-oncologist relationship - coping with cancer - complementary and alternative medicines.

(Associate Professor David Perez, Dunedin School of Medicine)

April 20 Not so much what can be done as whether to do it: Issues in aged care.

Aging – changed expectations - does identifying risk factors turn fit older people into patients?

Professional autonomy and public accountability: The Medical Council.

Medical Practitioners – changing expectations and professional lag, setting standards, NZ professional regulatory system.

(Professor John Campbell, Professor and Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine, Dunedin School of Medicine and Chair of the Medical Council of New Zealand)

April 27 Endings – good and bad: end of life issues.

Medicine is focused on rescue and the saving of life and limb through the use of medical interventions. What value framework should guide us when those aims are no longer relevant or attainable? – a sense of life and its worth, the idea of a story and its integrity, values arising within the life story of the individual, a good ending as one that is fitting to the life concerned, problematic cases and decisions.

(Professor Grant Gillett, Bioethics Centre, Dunedin School of Medicine)

Whose life is it anyway?

Advance directives and enduring powers of attorney: are they worth the paper they are written on? – their legal status – their limitations – their value in practice. The legal limits on autonomy at the end of life.

(Professor Peter Skegg, Faculty of Law, University of Otago)