

The Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Care Ethics invites you to a one-day conference, *Talking about End of Life: Bioethics and Palliative Care*.

Talking with individuals and their families and helping them to make decisions about their future care is at once difficult and rewarding. These conversations take time. They must be informed by appropriate ethical standards which help to shape choices. They force us to confront difficult realities such as sickness and decline, dying and death. They often involve painful emotions and hard choices. And these conversations must be ongoing, especially when an individual's health situation or life situation changes.

Patients expect that their health professionals will initiate these difficult conversations with them, and that health professionals will guide them through the process of making plans for future care. Sadly, this does not always happen, or it does not always happen well. But when this is done well, it makes a powerful contribution to a good death.

The conference offers participants an opportunity to hear from, and engage with, experts in various aspects of palliative care. Our keynote speaker is Prof Ian Maddocks AM, an eminent palliative care practitioner who is also the 2013 Senior Australian of the Year.

This conference will be of interest to doctors, nurses, health care managers, pastoral care workers, chaplains, allied health professionals and support staff, especially those who work in primary care, community care, aged care, hospital care, and specialised palliative care. It will also be of interest to patients and health and aged care consumers, and members of the community who are involved in the care of elderly or seriously unwell Australians.

Public transport and parking

The Mary Aikenhead Conference Centre at St Vincent's Hospital is easily accessed by public transport. Parking at daily rates may be available on the day at St Vincent's car park, Fitzroy Street, Fitzroy, or at Exhibition Building/Museum car park, Nicholson Street, Fitzroy.

Registration

Registration can be completed via:

Links to our conference at [Trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

<http://www.trybooking.com/DJTZ>

or via completion of the enclosed form to:

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Talking about End of Life: Bioethics and Palliative Care

3 October 2013

9.00am – 4.30pm

Mary Aikenhead Conference Centre

St Vincent's Hospital, 27 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

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- 9.00 **Registration**
- 9.30 **Welcome and opening**
Gerard Smith
Chair, Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics
- 9.35 **Introduction**
Mons Tony Ireland
Episcopal Vicar for Health & Aged Care
- 9.45 **Advance care planning**
Rev Kevin McGovern
Director, Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics
- 10.05 **Concurrent Sessions:**
Palliative Care: A policy perspective
Liz Callaghan
Director Strategic Policy, Catholic Health Australia
Prescribing for Pain: Ethical considerations that should guide clinical practice
Assoc Prof Mark Boughey
Director Palliative Medicine, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
- 11.00 **Morning tea**
- 11.30–12.30 (45 minutes talk and 15 minutes questions)
Prof Ian Maddocks AM
Inaugural Chair of Palliative Care, Flinders University
Senior Australian of the Year for his work in Palliative Care Medicine
- 12.30 – 1.15 **Lunch**

- 1.15 – 2.15 **Concurrent Sessions:**
Communications around End of Life Care
Dr Di Clifton
Director of Psychosocial Cancer Care, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
Perinatal palliative care
Dr Liz McCarthy
Mercy Hospital for Women
- 2.20-3.30 **Concurrent Sessions:**
Occupational Therapy: Supporting independence, choice and quality of life
Rebekah Boffa
Caritas Christi Hospice, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
Biography Service
Eastern Palliative Care:
Prof Richard Freadman
La Trobe University
and Ms Jeanette Moody
CEO, Eastern Palliative Care
- 3.30 – 4.30 **Panel Discussion**
1) Hypotheticals to explore clinical practice at critical points in the trajectory of care
2) Question time



Registration form

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Registration fee \$165.00 [incl GST]
this includes morning tea & lunch

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