

The Barbara Wand Seminar in Professional Ethics,
Standards and Conduct

Medical Assistance in Dying: Ethical Implications

June 24, 2024
9am - 12pm



AGENDA

9:00 - 9:10

Welcome

Barry Gang, Dip.C.S., C.Psych.Assoc.

Deputy Registrar & Director, Professional Affairs, College of Psychologists of Ontario

Ian Nicholson, Ph.D., C.Psych.

President, College of Psychologists of Ontario

9:10 - 9:40

Introduction to MAiD in Canada

Kathryn Morrison, Ph.D

Manager of Spiritual & Religious Care and MAiD Navigation, Health Sciences North

9:40 - 10:05

The Role of Psychology

Tony DeBono, MBA, Ph.D., C.Psych

Registrar & Executive Director, College of Psychologists of Ontario

10:05 - 10:15

Break

10:15 - 10:40

Responding to MAiD Requests

Kathryn Morrison, Ph.D

Manager of Spiritual & Religious Care and MAiD Navigation, Health Sciences North

10:40 - 11:10

MAiD and Ethical Considerations

Andrea Frolic, Ph.D

Director, Program for Ethics and Care Ecologies (PEaCE) and MAiD, Hamilton Health Sciences

11:10 - 11:20

Break

11:20 - 11:30

Considerations MAiD and Mental Health

Andrea Frolic, Ph.D

Director, Program for Ethics and Care Ecologies (PEaCE) and MAiD, Hamilton Health Sciences

11:30 - 11:40

Interview with Sherry Lynn, RN, RP

Tony DeBono, MBA, Ph.D., C.Psych

Registrar & Executive Director, College of Psychologists of Ontario

11:40 - 12:00

Questions and Final Comments

Tony DeBono, MBA, Ph.D., C.Psych and

Barry Gang, Dip.C.S., C.Psych.Assoc.

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Tony DeBono, MBA, Ph.D., C.Psych.

Dr. DeBono is the Registrar & Executive Director of the College of Psychologists of Ontario. Tony received his doctoral degree in Clinical-Developmental Psychology from York University after completing his pre-doctoral internship at the Hospital for Sick Children. Tony earned dual MBAs from Queen's University and Cornell University, graduating with distinction. He has held a variety of clinical and leadership roles in academic health science. As Chief of Interprofessional Practice at Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS), he performed investigations of professional practice matters and has significant experience in applying the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, particularly with respect to mandatory reports to regulatory bodies. Tony has served as a bioethics consultant at HHS and on hospital ethics committees. Prior to his appointment to the College, Tony was working on transformational initiatives at The Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre, with an interdisciplinary team developing strategic metrics and modernizing the process of obtaining client experience feedback. Tony served on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Psychological Association in 2022 and was the recipient of the Association's Dr. Ruth Berman Award for Leadership as an Early Career Psychologist in 2018.

Andrea Frolic, Ph.D

Andrea is the Director of the Program for Ethics and Care Ecologies (PEaCE) and MAiD at Hamilton Health Sciences and Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University. She has a Ph.D. in cultural Anthropology from Rice University in Houston, Texas, including a two-year fellowship in Clinical Ethics at the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center. By sparking collaboration between psycho-spiritual care, ethics, trauma-informed care and end-of-life initiatives, including Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), the innovative PEaCE program aims to enhance provider resilience, teamwork, ethical practice, and quality of living and dying. Andrea's research interests include: MAiD; healthcare worker well-being; ethics integration from bedside-to-boardroom; and developing practices to enable whole person care for patients, families and providers. Andrea was member of the Canadian MAiD Curriculum Development Committee, responsible for the development of the National MAiD Curriculum that launched in 2023.

Kathryn Morrison, Ph.D

Kathryn Morrison is a Clinical Bioethicist at Health Sciences North (HSN) in Sudbury, Ontario. She also is the Manager of Spiritual & Religious Care and MAiD Navigation at HSN. Kathryn previously worked as a Clinical Ethicist at Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS), and collaborated with Ethics colleagues to support partnering organizations in the Hamilton Haldimand Brant Niagara LHIN. Kathryn completed her Ethics Fellowship with HHS and, during this time, she had the privilege of working with the HHS MAiD team as a MAiD Navigator. Kathryn received her PhD in Applied Philosophy at the University of Waterloo, her dissertation research focused on the ethics of MAiD and mature minors.