Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds

7th Annual Pediatric Visiting Scholar
Special Event with the Department of Pediatrics

What Authority? Whose Interests? The Challenges of Decision Making for Impaired Newborns

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8:00 am – 9:00 am
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4th Floor Old Clinic Auditorium

All are welcome

The hallmark of decision-making for newborns with severe impairments is that decisions are always about, and never with, the patient him/herself. Parents and providers are challenged to make life changing, even life-ending decisions for these small children, while our ability to predict future outcomes and interests is limited, at best. Join us for a discussion regarding the ethical scope of decisional authority in light of what has been called “the best interests standard.”

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