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Preliminary Program

Pre-conference

October 18, 2017

Aging Gracefully : Wellness Fair

Welcome reception



Brian Goldman, MD
*Host of CBC Radio White
Cloak Black Art*

Conference - Day 1

October 19, 2017

Opening plenary



Shane Sinclair, PhD
*University of Calgary,
Faculty of Nursing*

**Compassion: Human
to Human Healthcare**

Afternoon plenary



Ole Kassow
*Cycling Without Age;
Purpose Makers*

New Nordic Liveability

Closing plenary



**Rev. Elizabeth
MacKinlay, AM, FACN,
PhD**
*Anglican Church of Australia;
Charles Sturt University,
School of Theology*

**Finding meaning in the
experience of dementia:
a spiritual perspective
challenging myths and
social expectations**

Wine & cheese 5-7 p.m.



**Danielle Martin
MD, CCMF, MPP**
*Author—Better Now: Six Big
Ideas to Improve Health Care
for All Canadians*

Conference - Day 2

October 20, 2017

Opening plenary followed by panel discussion

Medically-Assisted Dying and Humane End-of-Life Care: Key Ethical Issues and Considerations

The Supreme Court ruling overturning the provision of Canada's Criminal Code that formerly prohibited medically-assisted dying prompted Parliament to pass legislation in June 2016 permitting this practice in certain specific situations. The year before, the province of Quebec enacted its own law setting out benchmarks for access to end-of-life care, including medically-assisted dying. These recent legislative changes have reshaped the way in which end of life care is organized and carried out. They may also fundamentally change how we regard and approach death and dying, not only as individuals, but as a society as well. Above and beyond the debates on the moral acceptability of medically-assisted dying, the inclusion of this practice within end of life care raises a number of ethical issues and questions. How can medically-assisted dying be incorporated within efforts to make end of life care more humane? What are the emerging issues in this area? What impact could medically-assisted dying have on the relationship aspects of end of life care?

Join our panel of experts as we explore together the deeper meaning of care and kindness as it relates to palliative and end of life care.

Plenary



**Didier Caenepeel
O.P., Ph. D. (Phys.),
Ph. D. (Th.)**
*Dominican University
College, Faculty of
theology*

Panel facilitator



Michel Bilodeau
*Vice-President, Public
Governance International
Former CEO of Bruyère
Continuing Care and of the
Children's Hospital of
Eastern Ontario*

Panelist



John Fraser
*Member of Provincial
Parliament for Ottawa
South*

Panelist



**Peter Tanuseputro,
MHSc, MD, CCFP, FRCPC**
*Investigator, Bruyère
Research Institute;
Associate Scientist, Ottawa
Hospital Research Institute*

Panelist



Roshene Lawson
*Clinical Chaplain,
Bruyère Continuing Care*

Closing plenary



**Mike Nolan, BEd, MA,
MSc, PhD RGN, RMN**
*University of Sheffield,
Gerontological Nursing*
**We're all in this together:
Enriching care for
everybody**

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