



DEAN OF MEDICINE'S LECTURE SERIES

Professor David Wilkinson, Dean of Medicine and Head of the School of Medicine, has established this lecture series as an opportunity for the community to engage with speakers on pertinent topics affecting communities today. This series is free and open to the public, and is designed to stimulate discussion on a variety of issues across all areas of medicine.

End of Life Decision Making in Europe: Ethical and Clinical Challenges

The Queensland Law Reform Commission is currently reviewing the state's Guardianship laws, including aspects of:

- substitute decision making for those who lack capacity
- the powers that attorneys for health care ought to hold
- the status of advance health directives
- the role of "good medical practice" in relation to withholding and withdrawing life-sustaining treatment
- whether doctors should be required to obtain consent to withhold or withdraw futile life-sustaining treatment



Professor Jochen Vollmann
Guest Speaker

Come and hear how the Europeans are responding to these difficult challenges at end-of-life.

Date: Wednesday 3rd March 2010

Time: 5.45pm for 6.30pm until 7.30pm

Venue: Abel Smith Lecture Theatre, Building 23, Campbell Road,
The University of Queensland, St Lucia, QLD 4072

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Cost: FREE

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About Professor Vollmann, Guest Speaker

Jochen Vollmann, M.D., Ph.D. is Professor and Director of the Institute for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine and Chair of the Centre for Medical Ethics, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany. He serves as member of the Academic Senate and of the Scientific Executive Board of the Ruhr-University Research School.

He completed a clinical training in psychiatry and psychotherapy at the University Hospitals in Gießen, Munich and Freiburg and wrote his habilitation thesis on ethical problems of informed consent in psychiatry at the Free University of Berlin. Prof. Vollmann was Visiting Fellow at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University Washington, DC (1994/1995), Visiting Professor at the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine and at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York (1999/2000), at the Institute for the Medical Humanities UTMB (2001) and at the Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine at the University of Sydney (2004, 2008 and 2009). Professor Vollmann was honoured with the Prize for Brain Research in Geriatrics by the University of Witten/Herdecke in 1999 and with the a Stehr-Boldt-Prize for Medical Ethics of the University of Zürich in 2001.

He serves as Secretary of the Medical Ethics Committee of the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) and was member of the Central Ethics Commission at the German Medical Association (Bundesärztekammer).

Prof. Vollmann's research interests include informed consent and capacity assessment, ethics and psychiatry, end-of-life decision-making, advance directives, medical professionalism, clinical ethics committees and clinical ethics consultation.



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