Concurrent Session 3G

*Ethical Issues in Palliative Care*

*One and a half (1.5) hours for Social Work CEU has been approved for this session.

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Professionals who treat patients with advanced illness and their families frequently find themselves at the convergence of ethics and palliative care. In this interactive workshop, we describe a framework for analyzing the common dilemmas that arise in clinical practice regarding such issues as surrogate decision-making, use of life-sustaining technology and resolution of conflicts among the team.

At the end of this workshop, participants will:

- Describe a framework for analyzing common ethical dilemmas
- Describe the legal, ethical, and psychosocial issues surrounding withholding and withdrawing medical therapies and surrogate decision-making
- List and explain strategies to encourage communication and conflict resolution about end-of-life care among the patient, family, physicians, and the interdisciplinary team