

2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

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