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“Great Expectations?” Ethical Decision-making in Health Care

Edmonton, Alberta— Covenant Health is hosting a conference called “*Great Expectations?*” to delve into an ethical dilemma health care workers face everyday.

“*Great Expectations?* Ethics conference is a forum for honest conversation about those moments in health care when the hopes and expectations of our patients (and families) collide with the limitations and expectations of professional health care providers,” says Gordon Self, VP, Mission, Ethics and Spirituality, Covenant Health. “This conference is Covenant Health’s contribution to the formation of the health community’s ability to skillfully and compassionately respond in moments where both patients and care providers are stretched to reformulate their expectations and recalculate their hopes.”

Presenters from across Canada and the US will be in Edmonton for the one day event to share their passions, and in some cases, their provocative points of view. It is hoped the discussion will leave the participants feeling better equipped to handle the tough decisions.

“The conference will highlight the complex relationship between health providers and their patients as each seeks to define and redefine goals for patient wellbeing in the aftermath of injury, illness or disease,” says Self. “It will provide practical strategies to help bridge expectations around the goals of care and to diffuse or mitigate potential conflict.”

For more information on the conference and to register: www.buksa.com/CovenantHealth

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