Bioethics Grand Rounds

From Congress and Courts to the Bench and Bedside: Promoting Dialogue between the Health Care and Disability Communities

Monday, April 8, 2013
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Health Sciences Building, K-069
Reception to follow

The relationship between the health care and disability communities is complex and is influenced by historical, social, and cultural factors. Patient-centered care and shared decision-making can help to reduce health care costs and improve health outcomes by helping to bridge the gap between patients with disabilities and medical providers and researchers. Ms. Levine provides an overview of key legislative and court developments that reflect the way patients with disabilities approach the health care system. By recognizing the law's progressive spirit in the way that it embodies the social model of disability, providers and researchers can more effectively assist patients with disabilities in reaching their personal health goals.

Rebecca Levine is a judicial clerk in the Washington Court of Appeals. She earned her MPH in Sociomedical Sciences from Columbia University and her JD from the University of Washington School of Law. She has published articles on disability rights in the health care setting and on policies to reduce exposure to environmental toxins.

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This talk will explore the continuing development of Organ Donation after Cardiac Death as a strategy for addressing the ongoing problem of patients dying while awaiting vital organ transplant. Key background and procedural points will provide a framework for discussing ethical questions – including the environment of managing death, the timing of declaration of death, pre-mortem interventions, and issues surrounding consent.

Dr. Michael J. Souter is chief of anesthesiology at Harborview Medical Center, a UW professor of anesthesiology and pain medicine, and an adjunct professor of neurological surgery. He is Medical Director of LifeCenter NorthWest and Medical Advisor for the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations. His research interests include neuroanesthesia with neurophysiology and monitoring; critical care of subarachnoid hemorrhage and traumatic brain injury; information technology in anesthesia and medicine; monitoring technology in anesthesia and critical care medicine; and management of organ donors.