UKCEN 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 12th and 13th June 2025

On the edge: end of life and related dilemmas in clinical ethics

Workshop: 12th June

Venue – Jesus College, Turl Street – Habbakuk Room

Morning: UKCEN board meeting

Sandwich lunch

Afternoon: Clinical ethics workshop

Sessions (Speakers: D Wilkinson, M Suleman, T Pope others)

- Consensus and dissensus in the ethics committee: tips and tricks for managing disagreement and encouraging discussion
- Diversity and the ethics committee: who needs to be on a CEC?

6.00pm Public Lecture (St Cross College Lecture Theatre)

"Resistance is futile? Resolving radical disagreements about medical treatment between patients and doctors?" with Thaddeus Mason Pope

Conference: 13th June

Venue – Jesus College Ship St Centre (lecture theatre)

Morning - cutting edge questions at the end of life

- A. Controversial options at the end of life [30 min talks plus 15 mins questions] Chair Dr Helen Turnham
- 1. Thaddeus Mason Pope (Mitchell Hamline) Voluntary Stopping of Eating and drinking
- 2. Dominic Wilkinson (Oxford) Terminal Anaesthesia

Tea, coffee

- B. Assisted Dying (Chair: R Huxtable) [30 min talks, 30 min panel]
- 3. Professor Imogen Goold legal update plus what is the role assisted dying in the UK
- 4. **Eduard Verhagen** (Groningen Netherlands) what is the role of ethics committees in assisted dying experience from the Netherlands

Panel discussion

Afternoon

C. Eating disorders in extremis (Chair – D Wilkinson)

Mini-plenaries and panel (10-15 min talks, followed by 30 minute panel discussion)

- 5. Psychiatrist **Dr Niki Kern** NHS England National Lead for working group on second opinions in longstanding ED
- 6. Philosopher: Professor Wayne Martin (Essex)
- 7. Gastroenterologist/physician: Dr Tim Ambrose (Oxford)
- 8. Palliative care: Dr Victoria Bradley (Oxford)
- 9. Legal: Alex Ruck Keene (London)
- 10. Ethics: Dr Jacinta Tan, Dr Adaeze Bradshaw (Oxford)

Afternoon tea

11. Live ethics discussion – members of OUH and Oxford Health ethics committees, plus special guests