

Stockton Conference to Explore Ethical Issues in Pediatric Medicine

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Galloway Township, NJ- Ethical issues are at the forefront of today's medical research. These issues become heightened in visibility and scrutiny when children are involved. Thus, members of the pediatric healthcare community need to be aware of these issues and the strategies for handling them.

On **Monday, May 10, 2010**, members of the pediatric community will come together to discuss current research and application of ethical issues in pediatric medicine. The daylong conference entitled "Ethics and Decision Making in Pediatric Care and Research" will take place at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in the Alton Auditorium (A-Wing). The conference will focus on various aspects of dilemmas that face providers as they care for children. Healthcare providers will examine the impact of current empirical research and decision making in pediatric care.

Dr. Robert "Skip" Nelson, pediatric ethicist in the Office of Pediatric Therapeutics at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, will provide the morning keynote address. Conference topics include "Ethical Challenges in Pediatric Research Design: Balancing Risks and Potential Benefits," "Biomarketing Ethics, Functional Foods, Health and Minors," and "Adolescents with HIV and the Ethical Implications for Practice."

Dr. Chris Feudtner, director of research on the Pediatric Advanced Care Team at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, will provide the afternoon keynote address entitled "Ethics and Emotion in Pediatric Palliative Care."

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"This is an opportunity for members of the healthcare community to discuss current research and identify strategies to implement into their respective practices," explained Dr. William Reynolds, assistant professor of social work at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Stockton College Division of Continuing Studies for Health Sciences and Human Services, AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center and the Southern Jersey Ethics Alliance. Complete conference description and registration are available online at <u>www.stockton.edu/hshs</u> or by calling 609-626-4227.

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