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40th Anniversary Kickoff Luncheon Seating Limited to First 150 Attendees

Maybe you're a hospital inpatient – or the patient is your mom or dad – facing a decision for which there is no right answer. Or maybe you're the patient's doctor or nurse and feel like you're being asked to do something morally wrong. Maybe there's an algorithm behind what's happening that you know very little about.

You're invited to join us for lunch on **October 3, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**, at The Fire House KC to kick off the Center's 40th anniversary year with a "fireside chat" about these issues and how the Center responds to them.

Our luncheon chairs, Raghu Adiga, MD, President and CEO of Liberty Hospital, and Mark R. Thompson, JD, Senior Counsel, Seigfreid Bingham, P.C., welcome you to join us! Space is limited. Purchase tickets now for only \$40 each.

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29th Annual Flanigan Lecture Listening to the Patient's Voice

Talia Goldenberg and her parents were unable to convince Talia's doctors, nurses and support staff to take her difficulty breathing seriously. After a botched code, Talia was left in a permanent vegetative state. Ten days later she was removed from life support and allowed to die.

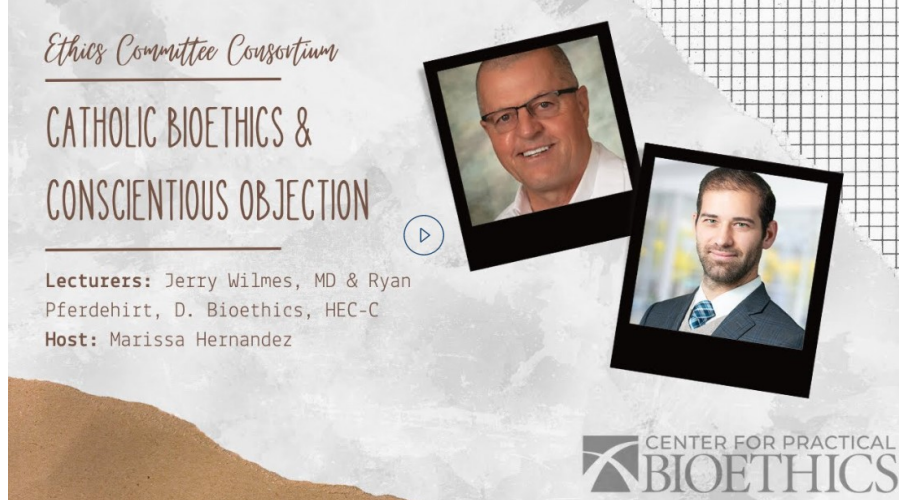
Her parents Jeff Goldenberg, MD, and Naomi Kirtner, MA, founded Talia's Voice: Projects for Patient Safety to change the culture in medicine so that nobody else's child dies because the people in charge won't listen.

You can meet Jeff and Naomi in person or virtually on **September 21** when they present the 29th Annual Rosemary Flanigan Lecture.

This year's Flanigan Lecture – the first public event in the Center's yearlong 40th anniversary celebration – is chaired by [Tarris \(Terry\) Rosell](#), Rosemary Flanigan Chair in Bioethics, and his life partner Ruth Rosell.

[Watch this video](#) to learn more from Terry about the program that begins at 7:00 PM preceded by a 6:00 reception. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is requested.

EVENT REGISTRATION



Catholic Bioethics and Conscientious Objection Implementing Catholic Directives within Secular Healthcare

Conscientious objection can be difficult to navigate. When should a person violate their own values at the request of another? It is acceptable for a healthcare provider to refuse specific interventions/medications if they can refer to another participating provider? When does referral become culpability?

In this webinar, speakers Jerry Wilmes, MD, Mosaic Life Care, and [Ryan Pferdehirt, D. Bioethics, HEC-C](#), Center for Practical Bioethics, explore religious objections, focusing specifically on Catholic medical ethics, and suggest strategies and perspectives for implementing religious convictions in a secular world.

WATCH WEBINAR



Power, Place and Health New Podcast Draws Connections

[Dr. Erika Blacksher](#), John B. Francis Chair at the Center, discusses civic health

and how democratic deliberation can bring people together and advance health equity in County Health Rankings & Roadmaps' new series of their podcast, In Solidarity.

Dr. Blacksher and [Solange Gould](#), co-director of [Human Impact Partners](#), join hosts Ericka Burroughs-Girardi and Beth Silver for a conversation on the connections between civic health and thriving people and places.

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Rural Public Health Ethics Making the Case for Medicaid Expansion

Why have we socially and politically failed to address the most pressing public health issues of our time? There is no one answer, but there are new ways to think about this question. For example, why has Medicaid expansion not happened in ten states, including Kansas, most of which is rural?

[Nellie Kassebaum](#), the Center's research coordinator, explores the issues affecting rural healthcare in general and Kansas in particular and how using a public health ethics framework that addresses our health as a collective can help us respond to public health issues of the day, including high levels of preventable sickness and premature death. One way to do that, she says, is by expanding Medicaid.

READ BLOG



Missouri Recognizes TPOPP/POLST as Equivalent to Missouri Out of Hospital Do Not Resuscitate Order

The Center for Practical Bioethics has served as sponsoring organization of the TPOPP/POLST initiative in Kansas and Missouri since 2008.

On July 6, 2023, Missouri Governor Parson signed SB45 and HB 402 recognizing the TPOPP/POLST medical order set as equivalent to the state's Out of Hospital Do Not Resuscitate Order (OHDNR).

The legislation, which will go into effect on August 28, 2023, addresses both adults and pediatric populations. It will allow individuals and their physician providers to execute a more comprehensive set of medical orders for persons living with advanced illness and medical frailty who wish to detail specific treatments that they do or do not want and to share those across settings.

As a result of the recognition, new training is under development and will be made available statewide in Missouri to providers in all settings within the next few months. Special programs will target hospital, long-term care, EMS, home healthcare and hospice.

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