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Expert Round Table on Medical Assistance in Dying in the Context of Mental Health and Dementia

May 2, 2019 2:00-4:00 pm. 84 Queen's Park, Falconer Hall, Room - Solarium (FA2)

Canadians who have a grievous and irremediable medical condition that causes unbearable suffering can request that their life be terminated through Medical Assistance in Dying [MAID], but only when they are in an advanced state of irreversible decline and their death is reasonably foreseeable. The law's exclusion of MAID for mental health conditions and the prohibition to provide MAID on the basis of advance requests in situations of dementia continues to be debated. Reports of the Council of Canadian Academies Expert Panel on MAID, recently tabled in parliament, analyze the limited international evidence in this area. At this roundtable, experts in psychiatry, ethics, nursing, law and medicine, including several members of the CCA Expert Panel, will explore with the audience the challenges of introducing MAID in this context, through a discussion of different case scenarios based on real cases from the few jurisdictions that allow MAID in these circumstances. Join us for this timely conversation with:

K. Sonu Gaind, Chief of Psychiatry, Humber River Hospital; Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto

Scott Y.H. Kim, Senior Investigator, Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health

Trudo Lemmens, Professor and Scholl Chair in Health Law and Policy, Faculty of Law & Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

Marcia Sokolowski, Director of Ethics, Baycrest Health Sciences & Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto

Donna E. Stewart, University Professor, University of Toronto & University Health Network Centre for Mental Health

Alison Thompson, Associate Professor, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy & Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

Moderator: Harvey Schipper, Professor of Medicine & Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Toronto

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