End of Life Decision-making: Ethical and Legal Issues

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This workshop will familiarize participants with the ethical and legal issues surrounding end of life decision making. Participants will learn about end of life decisions facing those with capacity as well as those with impaired decision making capacity. What if those with limited capacity left instructions? What if they did not? Special groups such as infants, minors, developmentally disabled persons and persons in psychiatric hospitals have additional concerns related to end of life decision making, which will also be addressed. In addition, medical aid in dying will also be examined. This workshop is tailored to those who do not have a background in end of life care.

This program has been approved for 3 Continuing Education hours for NYS Social Workers.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:
- Understand the basic legal and ethical issues facing those with capacity
- Be able to identify issues facing those without capacity, including those who designated care wishes and those who did not
- Be able to identify additional ethical issues related to special populations at end of life
- Will understand what is meant by assisted suicide
- Will identify ethical issues surrounding assisted suicide

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Cost: $60 ($30 for SSW field instructors).
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