

## **The Ethics of Organ Transplantation**

The University of St. Thomas  
Houston, TX  
Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center  
March 27 - 29, 2009

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The Center for Thomistic Studies  
and St. Joseph Medical Center

The Ethics of Organ Transplantation is an interdisciplinary conference on medical and philosophical issues surrounding organ transplantation, which seeks a coherent vision that promotes healing united with a respect for the dignity of each individual.

## **Friday, March 27**

12:00-5:00 Registration

2:30-2:45 Welcome by Dr. Robert Ivany, President, University of St. Thomas

3:00-4:30 breakout session

**Session I: Do No Harm, Human Dignity, and Surrogacy** (Scanlan Room, Jerabeck)

Chair: Christopher Martin, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Primum Non Nocere – A Contrarian Ethic?

Robert E. Hurley, Emeritus Medical Staff, Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton, IL

Dignity and Dissensus: Pluralism and Personhood in the Public Square

Kody Cooper, University of Texas, Austin, TX

Gestational Surrogacy & Live Organ Donation: A Contrast

Thomas Cook, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

4:45-5:45 breakout session

**Session II: History and Rapid Retrieval of Organs** (Scanlan Room, Jerabeck)

Chair: Christopher Martin, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Early Considerations on the Ethics of Transplantation

Matthew P. Lomanno, St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH

Ethical Concerns with Rapid Organ Recovery Ambulances

LM Whetstine, Walsh University, North Canton, OH

**Session III: Organ Allocation and the Meaning of Gift** (Jerabeck 202)

Chair: Thomas Osborne, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Donated Cadaveric Organs Should Be Allocated First to Registered Organ Donors

David J. Undis, Executive Director, LifeSharers

The Meaning of Gift in Organ Transplantation

Thomas Hurley, Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, Washington, DC

5:45-7:00 dinner (Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

7:00-8:00

**Controversies Surrounding Brain Death** (Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

D. Alan Shewmon, Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA;  
Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA; Chief, Neurology  
Department, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, Sylmar, CA.

**Saturday, March 28**

7:30-8:00 Mass (Chapel of St. Basil)

8:00-9:00 breakfast (Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

9:00-10:00

**Consciousness and Aesthetics in Decisions Concerning Organ Donation Using Anencephalic Neonates** (Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

A.A. Howsepian, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of California, San Francisco; Fresno Medical Education Program, Fresno, California

10:15-11:15

**Organ Transplant and Embryo Adoption** (Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

Janet E. Smith, Fr. Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Issues, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI

11:30-12:30 breakout session

**Session IV: Giving Organs: Free Gift or Duty?** (Scanlan Room, Jerabeck)

Chair: John Hittinger, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Organ Transplantation and Easy Rescues

Jeremy Snyder, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. Canada

Organ Donation from the Living and the Order of Charity

Romanus Cessario, OP, St. John's Seminary, Boston, MA

**Session V: Organ Conscriptio n or Gift** (C.O.C. Room, Crooker Center)

Chair: Mary Catherine Sommers, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Why Consent May Not Be Needed For Organ Procurement

James J. Delaney, Niagara University, Niagara, NY

Whether Organs May be Conscripted

Patrick McCloskey, University of St. Thomas, Center for Thomistic Studies, Houston, TX

12:30-1:30 lunch (Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

1:30-2:30

**Organ Donations after Cardiac Death** (Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

Christopher Kaczor, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

2:45-3:45 breakout sessions

Session VI: **Alternate Sources for Organs** (Scanlan Room, Jerabeck)

Chair: Mary Catherine Sommers, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

A Systematic Process of Kidney Selling: Perspectives from Organ Brokers in the Philippines  
Francis Aguilar, University of the Philippines

Who Should Become the Safeguard Against Organ Selling in the Philippines? Informed Consent by Medical Professionals Under Kidney Selling  
Hiroko Aihara, University of the Philippines

Session VII: **Body and Soul Relation** (C.O.C. Room, Crooker Center)

Chair: Samuel Condic, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Some Ethical Problems for Materialism and Hylomorphism  
Adam Patrick Taylor, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Humanity, the Natural Foundation for Ethical Standards  
Beverly J. B. Whelton, Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV

4:00-4:45

**Are International Transplant Ethics Adequate to Deal with Chinese Transplant Abuse?**  
(Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

David Matas, International Human Rights Lawyer

5:00-6:00 Mass (Chapel of St. Basil)

6:15 reception (Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

**Sunday, March 29**

8:00-9:00 breakfast (Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

9:00-10:00

**Morality with and without God** (Scanlan, Jerabeck Center)

Jude P. Dougherty, Dean Emeritus, Catholic University of America

10:15-11:45 breakout session

Session VIII: **The Dead Donor Rule** (Scanlan Room, Jerabeck)

Chair: Jessica Jacobs, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Allow the Dying to Donate: Replace the Dead Donor Rule

Thomas I. Cochrane, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Response: A Catholic View on the Dead Donor Rule

Witold Kania, University of Silesia, Katowice, Poland

Killing and Letting Die

Steven J. Jensen, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Session IX: **Determining Death** (Jerabeck 202)

Chair: Steven Striby, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX

Ontological Status of Whole-brain Dead Individuals

Jason T. Eberl, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

An Alternative to 'An Alternative to Brain Death'

Peter Koch, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

The Diagnosis of Death and the Irreducibility of the Human Person

Richard H. Bulzacchelli, Aquinas College, Nashville, TN

12:00 departure