

ETHICS & MEDICINE:

AN OPEN DISCUSSION BETWEEN YOU THE
COMMUNITY & A PANEL OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

TOPIC FOR THIS SESSION:

PALLIATIVE CARE

11:30 A.M. FREE LUNCH
PROGRAM 12:00 TO 1:00 P.M.
LANDON CENTER ON AGING
ROOM 200

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The number of Americans with dementia is expected to double or triple by the next half century as the US population ages. While 6% to 8% of people older than 65 have Alzheimer's disease, nearly 30% of people older than 85 are affected by the disease. Studies have shown that many patients with dementia are receiving aggressive treatments including feeding tubes with little or no medical benefit. Why do we resist in offering Palliative care (care provided to keep patients as comfortable as possible, rather than curing a disease) for patients with end-stage dementia?. Bioethicist Stephen Post maintains that instead of doing things to patients, we need to be present with them. What do you think?



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