

Save the date!

Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center's Ethics Day on **Thursday, April 30, 2020**



Featured presenter:

Mara Buchbinder, PhD, is a medical anthropologist specializing in the culture of medicine in the United States. She is Associate Professor in the University of North Carolina's Department of Social Medicine and core faculty at the UNC Center for Bioethics.

Dr. Buchbinder's recent work has explored how patients, families, and healthcare providers navigate social and ethical challenges raised by new developments in medical technology, public health policy, and law. She is especially interested in the role of language in medicine and in the relationships among patients, families, and clinicians in managing illness and healthcare.

Most recently, as the Principal Investigator of the Vermont Study of Aid in Dying (Vermont SAID), Dr. Buchbinder has explored how patients, families, and healthcare providers have navigated Vermont's Act 39, "Patient Choice and Control at the End of Life". Vermont SAID aims to yield descriptive information

about how the legalization of assisted dying has affected death, dying, and end-of-life care in this rural northeastern state, information that could help in Maine's implementation of a similar law.

Schedule of Events

Grand Rounds

Assisting Death in America: A Cultural Account of a New Medical Frontier

9 am – Mason Conference Room, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center, 489 State Street, Bangor, ME
Teleconferencing will be available. CME and CNE credits available.

Ethics Day Plenary Lecture

Initiating Discussions of Medical Aid-in-Dying: Perspectives from Vermont

12 pm – Mason Conference Room, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center, 489 State Street, Bangor, ME
Teleconferencing will be available. CME and CNE credits available.

Community Event

Panel Presentation and Discussion re Maine's 'Death with Dignity' law

Location TBD. This session is open to the public.

For more information, including teleconferencing, please call Laurie Fearon at 207.973. 8955.

Sponsored by the Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center Ethics Advisory Committee, UMaine Medicine, Maine Medical Association, and Maine Hospital Association. Admission is free to all events.