

NSW Health Clinical Ethics Forum

Choice: exploring limits to respect for
'individual autonomy' in healthcare



An ethical, legal and clinical discussion about increasing demand for choice in healthcare decision-making

Key focus on pre-implantation genetic testing and reproductive genetic technology

Led by Professor Lynn Gillam, Clinical Ethicist, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

Date: Thursday 24th October 2019

Time: 3:00 – 5:00pm (refreshments to follow)

Location: Medical Foundation Building, University of Sydney, 92 Parramatta Rd, Camperdown

Options in healthcare are increasing exponentially. With this expansion of possibilities, patients, families, and 'consumers' of healthcare are appearing to demand more choice at all levels. Related issues include crowd funding, media profiling of both patient groups and healthcare providers, and political advocacy. This forum will consider the role of patient and family 'choice' in healthcare decision making, its relationship with respect for individual autonomy, and implications of this phenomenon in terms of broader ethical considerations such as equity and access.

Case examples will explore these issues with a particular focus on reproductive technologies and genetic testing in the modern healthcare era. Cases will be presented by Dr Debra Kennedy and Dr Rani Sachdev and discussed with a panel of experts and the audience, facilitated by Lynn Gillam. Invited speakers include:

- **Professor William Ledger**, Head of the Discipline of Obstetrics and Gynaecology UNSW School of Women's and Children's Health, and senior fertility specialist IVF Australia.
- **Professor Isabel Karpin**, Faculty of Law, University of Technology, Researcher on Bioethical implications of laws regarding reproductive technologies, genetic testing and disability.
- **Professor Ian Kerridge**, Professor of Bioethics and Medicine, University of Sydney, and Haematologist and Bone Marrow Transplant Physician Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney.
- **Dr Lisa Dive**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Sydney Health Ethics, School of Public Health, University of Sydney.
- **Associate Professor Ainsley Newson**, Associate Professor of Bioethics, and Deputy Director at Sydney Health Ethics, School of Public Health, University of Sydney.

The forum is being hosted by South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and Sydney Children's Health Network, proudly sponsored by the NSW Ministry of Health. Refreshments will be served from 5pm.

Register attendance by Monday, 21 October on <https://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/clinical-ethics-forum>

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Guest Speaker:



Professor Lynn Gillam – Facilitator

Lynn Gillam is a Professor in Health Ethics at the Centre for Health and Society. She works as Clinical Ethicist at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne and is Academic Director of the Children's Bioethics Centre. She is Chair of the University of Melbourne Human Research Ethics Committee and serves on a number of ethics advisory bodies for state government agencies, professional bodies and the NHMRC.

