



## WORKING THROUGH ETHICAL CHALLENGES; FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

16th National Paediatric Bioethics Conference

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## **16th National Paediatric Bioethics Conference Program**

3- 5 September, Ella Latham Theatre | The Royal Children's Hospital

Wednesday 3rd September 2025		
12:00 – 12:30	Conference Opening Welcome to Country - Wurundjeri Elder Colin Hunter	
12:30 - 1:30PM	Grand Rounds and Opening Keynote Prof John McMillan, Bioethics Centre, University of Otago How to think ethically	
1:30 - 2:15PM	Lunch Break	
2:15 - 3:45PM	Thinking About the Child  Anne Preisz, Nadia Rajabalee, & Phil Britton: Reconstituting the child  Adam Rozsa & John Massie: An imagined life: but whose imagination?  Chelsea Goodison & Tamara Rumble: Case discussion – putting an ethical decision about the child into practice	
3:45 - 4:00PM	Break	
4:00 - 5:00PM	Where do parents fit in?  Ciara Earley: "The Squeaky Wheel" An ethical approach to finding the balance between addressing parental concerns and managing excessive demands  Ingrid Sutherland & Erin Georgiou: Accessing respite care for children with Neurodisability and their families - the ethical undercurrents of idealism versus the reality of needing and having help	
6:00 – 7:30PM	Friends of the CBC Hypothetical RCH Foundation, 48 Flemington Rd	



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Thursday 4th September 2025		
7:30 - 8:30AM	MSA Breakfast, Vernon Collins Theatre	
	Prof Stefan Friedrichsdorf UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals in San Francisco and Oakland	
	Pain prevention and treatment as a human right	
9:00 - 10:30AM	Society-level issues	
	Mark Oliver & Elly Law: Is two, one too many? A case discussion looking at the ethical considerations of resources allocation in Multiple-Organ Transplant recipients.	
	<b>Bianca Devsam:</b> Between a Jab and a Hard Place: The Moral and Ethical Dilemmas of Childhood Vaccine Exemptions	
	<b>Kate Middleton:</b> The role of justice as an ethical principle underpinning the fair distribution of resources in resource rich healthcare environments	
10:30 – 11.00AM	Break	
11.00 - 12:00PM	Ethical complexities	
	Lisa Robson, Adrian Whitman, & Sarah Loveday: When less is more: Chest physiotherapy in end-stage lung disease in children with a neuro-disability	
	Dani Gold & Anna Lucia: "If you hit someone with a frying pan, it's not cooking!!!"	
12:00 – 1.00PM	Lunch Break	
1.00 – 2.00 PM	A/Prof Rosalind McDougall, University of Melbourne How can we make better ethical decisions in practice?	



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2.00 - 3:15PM	Em/Prof Myra Bluebond-Langner, University College London  Talking with children about illness and dying. In discussion with Prof Lynn Gillam
3:15 - 3:45PM	Break
3:45 - 5:15 PM	Novel Therapies
	Cat Wood: Ethics of children with rare diseases and the resulting disability participating in commercial sponsored advance therapy clinical trials
	<b>Katherine Lieschke:</b> Multi-stakeholder discussion to support equitable access to novel therapeutics: a guidance ethics approach
	Carolyn Pinto & Kelly Wilton: Hope in one hemisphere: The ethical landscape of hemispherectomy

Friday 5th September 2025		
9:30 – 11.30AM	More Ethical Complexities	
	Elise Burns (QLD): SickTok - Adolescent Illness Identity, Privacy, and the Role of the Clinician	
	Niamh Murray: Hearing from Nurses: What's complex about Complex Care?	
	Remy Trusler: Clinical complexities in suction management - who is the 'expert'?	
	Jessie Rowe: Death on route to compassionate extubation location. Is it a failure?	
11:30 – 12:15pm	Break	
12:15 – 1.15PM	Will Al Put Ethics Out of a Job?	
	<b>Dan Mason:</b> Peering into the black box; can and should Al attempt moral deliberation & ethical theory translation in place of clinical ethics groups?	
	Panel: Prof John McMillan, A/Prof Ros Mcdougall	
1:15 – 1:30PM	Prizes & Closing	
	Prof John Massie	