



## Invitation to Attend

### *Expectations, Hope and Futility: Law and Bioethics in Contemporary Healthcare.*

- What is the role of Expectations (realistic or otherwise) in driving contemporary health care?
- To what extent can, or should, Hope be fostered – what are the harms and benefits?
- After 3 decades of defining, measuring and critiquing medical Futility, where are we in 2011?
- Do health consumers' expectations and hope drive futile care measures across the spectrum of our healthcare system?
- Do health professionals' misunderstanding of what would constitute a good outcome from the patient's perspective drive futile care measures?
- What impact does this have on health service budgets?
- How are these considerations supported or denied in law within Australia and New Zealand?
- What are the roles of expectation and hope in medical research?
- How should we best frame these questions-ethically, legally or professionally?

### Registration Fees

<b>Member</b>	\$600 (before 01 June) \$640 (after 01 June)
<b>Non-member</b>	\$640 (before 01 June) \$680 (after 01 June)
<b>Student</b>	\$400 (before 01 June) \$440 (after 01 June)

### Important Dates

Abstracts Due	<b>7 March 2011</b>
Acceptance Emailed	<b>22 March 2011</b>
Presenter Registration	<b>11 April 2011</b>
Provisional Program	<b>April 2011</b>
Student Essays Due	<b>6 May 2011</b>
Early Bird Closes	<b>1 June 2011</b>

### Latest Information

#### **Abstract Submission closes 7<sup>th</sup> march 2011**

The Conference Committee seeks papers that:

- Explore philosophical approaches to defining life, hope and healthcare
- Critique notions of medical leadership, medical paternalism and good medical care in the context of providing futile care
- Review the role of health professions, health departments and the political sphere in managing the hope and expectations of health care consumers
- Explore the ethics and economics of futile care and hope for health service budgets
- Propose and argue ethical perspectives on hope and futility that relate to contemporary healthcare
- Assess the legal complexities surrounding the provision of futile medical care
- Examine the role of hope and expectations in research ethics

#### **Student Prizes**

Student can win assistance with their travel, accommodation and a free conference registration by submitting an essay for the Student Essay Competition. Visit the website for more information

For more information and to register for the conference or submit an abstract visit the website at:

[www.cdesign.com.au/aabhl2011](http://www.cdesign.com.au/aabhl2011)