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Law and Bioethics in Contemporary Healthcare*



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## Welcome

Welcome to the Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law 2011 conference on Expectations, Hope and Futility: Law and Bioethics in Contemporary Healthcare. In this era of technologically driven health care, where death can be prolonged and life foreshortened at any age, it is timely to examine how hope and expectations (realistic or otherwise) are driving both the provision and experience of health care. Who decides when treatment is futile in the face of the great expectations of medical science and the hopes of the community? In a civil society where high standards of universal health care are sought how do we balance what people want, over what is needed and what will work? In the coming days we will explore these issues throughout the lifecycle in the context of treatment, education and research.

**Sarah Winch and Eleanor Milligan**  
Co-Convenors, AABHL 2011 Conference

## Conference Organising Committee

Dr Eleanor Milligan (GU/QH) - Co-convenor  
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## Conference Venue

Twin Towns Outrigger Resort, Wharf Street and Griffith Street, Tweed Heads NSW and Coolangatta QLD overlooks the southern Gold Coast's pristine beaches, sparkling Tweed River, and a picturesque hinterland of World Heritage national parks. This unique location at the twin towns of Coolangatta and Tweed Heads sits astride the border of Queensland and New South Wales. It's a short, pleasant stroll to internationally recognized surfing beaches Kirra and Greenmount, local shopping malls, cinemas, and restaurants. Exciting Gold Coast theme parks are within a 40-minute drive.

At the resort choose from seven dining options, from Images Coffee Shop, to wood fire pizzas in Flame, a taste of the East in Orient, dine al fresco in Horizons overlooking the picturesque Jack Evan's Boat Harbour or enjoy the monthly themed Four Seasons Buffet, the affordable Four Seasons Carvery or Signatures Restaurant open for breakfast and evening drinks. Twin Towns, the entertainment capital of the Tweed, brings you free live entertainment, five bars, Twin Towns' famous Showroom and licensed club facilities.

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