

SUFFERING, DEATH AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Advanced European Bioethics Course

Ethical Issues of Medically Assisted Death and Palliative Care in a Pluralistic World

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Organization: Section HEALTHCARE ETHICS, Scientific Institute for Quality of Healthcare, IQhealthcare Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Keynote: **Marc Desmet SJ, MD**, Head Department Palliative Care Jessa-hospital, Hasselt, Belgium

Coordinator: *Martien Pijnenburg PhD*

Objectives: Aim of the course is to educate participants on a range of ethical issues related to suffering, palliative care and medically assisted death. Extensive insight into the medical, philosophical, theological and ethical foundations of these concepts will be proffered.

Content: Participants will learn about a variety of topics centered around: autonomy and dependence; palliative sedation and euthanasia; spirituality and palliative care; quality of life and a good death; scientific research in palliative care; moral deliberation. This course is part of the post initial Erasmus Mundus Master of Bioethics Program, a one-year master program for a group of international students from European and non-European countries. The diversity among faculty and participants stimulates fruitful exchange of ideas and enhances understanding of others' professional and cultural perspectives on suffering, death and palliative care.

Lecturers: *Evert van Leeuwen PhD*. Professor of medical ethics, philosopher.
Wim Dekkers MD, PhD. Associate professor philosophy of medicine.
Martien Pijnenburg PhD. Assistant professor of medical ethics.
Gerrit Kimsma MD, MPh. General practitioner and philosopher.
Jeroen Hasselaars PhD. Assistant Professor in Palliative Care.
Kris Vissers MD, PhD. Professor of palliative care.
Thomas Quartier PhD. Assistant professor faculty of Religious studies.
Carlo Leget PhD. Professor of ethics of care and spiritual counseling; endowed professor in ethical and spiritual issues in palliative care
Gert Olthuis PhD. Assistant professor ethics of care.
Dick Willems MD, PhD. Professor of medical ethics.

Participants: The course is of interest to participants from diverse professional backgrounds, such as nursing, medicine, health care administration, ethics, philosophy, theology and pastoral care, and PhD students undertaking courses of study in these areas. The course language is English.

Price: € (Euro) 690 for early registration: before January 1st 2013, € (Euro), 790 for registration from January 1st 2013 onwards. This price includes tuition and course materials, as well as refreshments, three lunches and a dinner.

For detailed information and registration: please consult our website: www.masterbioethics.org, under *Intensive courses* or contact Simone Naber, e-mail: s.naber@iq.umcn.nl, 114 IQhealthcare, P.O. Box 9101, 6500 HB Nijmegen, The Netherlands.
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