

Conference on Priority Ethics

HARD CHOICES IN NORDIC HEALTH CARE 2.0

Welcome to an important conference about hard choices in health care focusing on the following questions in health care priorities

- ♦ What are the goals of medicine? ♦ Needs or demands as driving forces in health care?
 - ♦ Does age matter in health care priorities? ♦ How much is a life worth?
 - ♦ Who should make the hard choices in health care?

The questions will be discussed from MEDICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL and ETHICAL perspectives

Date: Monday November 20th, 2017

Place: the Swedish Society of Medicine in Stockholm



Lectures and debates with well-known researchers and debaters from Australia, the Netherlands and the Nordic countries:

Greg Bognar, Angus Dawson, Guðmundur Heiðar Frimannsson, Birgir Jakobsson, Bettine Lemann Kristiansen, Christian Munthe, Jan Abel Olsen, Samuli Saarni, Maartje Schermer and Fredrik Svenaeus.

Registration: www.nordforsk.org/en/events/hard-choices-in-nordic-health-care-2.0

Conference language: English. No fee. Free coffee and lunch.

Organizer: Nordic Committee on Bioethics in cooperation with the Swedish Society of Medicine

Program

- 08:30 Opening and welcome
NCBio Chair Professor Kirsten Kyvik
- 08:40 Introductory remarks and presentation of the programme
Local host Professor Ingemar Engström

Session 1: What are the goals of medicine?

- 08:45 Autonomy and trust in bioethics
Professor Maartje Schermer, Erasmus MC Rotterdam
- 09:15 The nature of suffering and the goals of medicine.
Professor Fredrik Svenaeus, Södertörn University
- 09:45 Discussion

10:00 Coffee

Session 2: Needs or demands as driving forces in health care

- 10:30 Justice and priority settings in health care.
Professor Angus Dawson, University of Sydney
- 11:00 The cake and its bits: can universal health care systems survive (without) ethical priority setting?
Professor Christian Munthe, University of Gothenburg
- 11:20 Health care as a commodity or a sign of solidarity?
Professor Bettine Lemann Kristiansen, University of Aarhus

11:40 Discussion

12:00 Lunch

Session 3: Does age matter?

- 13:00 All men and women are born equal
Professor Greg Bognar, Stockholm University
- 13:30 The question of age in priority settings
Professor Jan Abel Olsen, University of Tromsø

14:00 Discussion

14:30 Coffee

Session 4: How much is a life worth?

- 15:00 The place of economics in priority settings
Associate professor Samuli Saarni, University of Helsinki
- 15:30 Is there a limit to health costs
Professor Gudmundur Heiðar Frimannsson, University of Akureyri

16:00 Discussion

Final lecture

- 16:30 Who should make the hard choices in health care?
Director Birgir Jakobsson, Directorate of Health, Iceland