Grappling with Guardianship: Ethical Dilemmas

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Lunch will be provided for first 50 guests
All are welcome

How does guardianship both demonstrate our respect for persons and complicate their care? What considerations arise when a patient has a guardian? When is obtaining guardianship for a patient proper? Join us for a discussion of these issues and others, using illustrative actual case examples. We’ll explore the legal process to replace the individual’s decision-making power with a court-appointed guardian and the times when seeking guardianship may be appropriate, such as when patients lack capacity to comprehend medical choices and make decisions, and when there is conflict among surrogate decision-makers.

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