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Health

Continuing Education Seminar

Physician Assisted Suicide: Law & Ethics for Health and Mental Health Providers



Date & Time

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025
8:30 am - 11:45 am
Check-in/breakfast at 8:00 am



Cost

\$85.00
includes breakfast and 3 CEUs



Location

Beaver Creek Country Club
9535 Mapleville Rd
Hagerstown, MD 21740



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Course Description:

Physician-assisted suicide is legal in 11 states, Washington, D.C., and a growing number of countries. Maryland has introduced "End of Life" legislation in the 2025 session, with strong support for its passage. This seminar will explore the legal and ethical history of the right to die, details of the proposed Maryland law, similar laws elsewhere, and professional perspectives from medical, social work, psychology, and counseling fields. The legislation outlines requirements for patients and protections for healthcare providers. Controversy arises as some countries have expanded laws to include euthanasia and mental illness as a qualifying condition. Judge Dana Moylan Wright and Dr. Burke will provide insights on these issues.

Featuring:

J Emmet Burke, PhD, JD, Clinical Psychologist, Brook Lane. Dr. Burke holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC and Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law.

The Honorable Dana Moylan Wright, Circuit Court of Washington County, Maryland, has a special interest in mental health. For over a decade, she has contributed to Brook Lane's annual clinical, legal, and ethics seminars, providing clinicians with valuable court insights on mental health issues.

Participant Learning Objectives:

- Review Maryland (proposed) End of Life legislation and the requirements for those seeking physician assisted suicide
- Outline the roles of physicians, other medical providers and mental health professionals in the Maryland End of Life legislation
- Explain the distinction between physician assisted suicide and euthanasia
- List the states and countries which allow physician assisted suicide and euthanasia
- Examine the laws of those countries where mental illness is an allowable reason to seek physician assisted suicide
- Describe the arguments for and against physician assisted suicide
- Review the codes of ethics and positions of professional medical and mental health associations concerning physician assisted suicide
- Examine the concern that physician assisted suicide and euthanasia are "Slippery Slopes"
- Understand palliative care as an end of life option

Continuing Education Credits

Maryland Social Workers:

Brook Lane is authorized by the Board of Social Work in Maryland to sponsor social work continuing education learning activities and maintains full responsibility for this Program. This training qualifies for Category 1 continuing education units and provides 3.0 credit hours; partial credit will not be awarded.

Counselors/Therapists:

Brook Lane has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 5452. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. Brook Lane is solely responsible for all aspects of the program. This program will provide 3 clock hours; partial credit will not be awarded.



Maryland Psychologists:

The Maryland State Board of Examiners for Psychologists will accept continuing education hours provided by Brook Lane, an approved CE sponsor by the State Board of Social Worker Examiners in Maryland; partial credit will not be awarded.

Other Professionals: A certificate of completion noting the number of educational contact hours will be provided.

Brook Lane Seminar Registration Form

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email (*required for registration): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Discipline: ☐ Social Worker ☐ Counselor ☐ Psychologist ☐ Other _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

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TO REGISTER:

Visit www.brooklane.org
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under **Upcoming Events** or
simply scan the QR code.



CANCELLATION POLICY:

To receive a refund, cancellations must be received in writing no later than one week prior to the seminar (5:00 pm on Friday, January 17, 2025). No refunds will be made after that date or for no-shows on the day of the seminar. A \$10.00 processing fee applies to all cancellations.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance will be taken twice during the seminar—once at the beginning and again prior to the Q&A segment. Participants must be present at both attendance checkpoints in order to receive the certificate of completion. Attendees will receive their certificate following the completion of the seminar evaluation.