



Continuing Education Seminar

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



Date & Time

Friday, Oct. 24, 2025
8:30 am - 11:45 am
Check-in/breakfast at 8:00 am



Cost

\$85.00
includes breakfast and 3 CE Hours



Location

MSOM Conference Center
11120 Medical Campus Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742



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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. Dr. Burke and Dr. Theibert will provide insights on these 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

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.

Heather P.M. Theibert, D.O.

Dr. Theibert is a psychiatrist at Meritus Health and founding Program Director of its Psychiatry Residency. She also directs the psychiatry clerkship and serves as Course Director of Psychiatric Education for the proposed Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine. Previously, she held academic leadership roles at OhioHealth in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Theibert remains active in state and regional APA leadership and practices inpatient, addiction, emergency, and consult-liaison psychiatry at Meritus Medical Center.

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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 CE hours and attendance will not be awarded.

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

TO REGISTER:

Visit www.brooklane.org and search for the seminar 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/5 business days 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 sign-in and at the end of the course. Participants must be present at both attendance checkpoints in order to receive the certificate of completion. Attendees will receive a certificate after submitting the seminar evaluation.