

**Monday, May 18, 2009**

**Noon**

**Blue Bird Auditorium, NB-137, Neurosensory Center**

## **Effects of Spirituality on End-of-Life Decision Making in the African American Community**

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### **Objectives:**

At the conclusion of the session, participants should be able to:

- Explain the basis of ethical conflicts about end-of-life decision making that often arise between African-Americans and the medical community
- Identify two key factors influencing end-of-life decisions African-Americans make at the end of life: History of medical injustices and Spirituality
- Discuss results of study involving spiritual leaders and end-of life
- Discuss possible community interventions to reduce the number of ethical conflicts involving African-Americans and the medical community

### **References:**

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- Washington, *Medical Apartheid*, Harlem Moon Broadway Books, 2006
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- Kwak, Current Research Findings on End of Life Decision Making among Racially or Ethnically Diverse Groups, *The Gerontologist* 2005

### **Target Audience, Needs, Educational Methods, Activity Evaluation:**

Physicians, residents, fellows, and other healthcare professionals need to be updated about new advances in the clinical and research areas for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients with neurological disorders. Educational methods will include lectures, case presentations, audio/video presentations, and questions & answer sessions. Participants will be asked to complete an activity evaluation.

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