

# Ethics Grand Rounds

## *A Case Analysis: Tube Feeding at End of Life, Recurrent Aspiration, and Consent to Stop*

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What is a clinician to do when their patient, at end of life, is experiencing recurrent aspiration while being tube fed but the substitute decision-maker does not consent to stopping the feeds? What does *Cuthbertson v. Rasouli* tell us? How about personal and professional ethics? This session will address this challenging terrain in reference to a clinical case.

### *Goals and Objectives*

After attending these rounds, clinicians will be:

1. Familiar with the key rulings in *Cuthbertson v. Rasouli* regarding consent and withdrawal of life support
2. Able to articulate the key distinction between starting and stopping/withdrawing life support
3. Familiar with how professional and personal ethics may come into tension with the law as it relates to consent and withdrawal of life support

*Physician attendees will be eligible to receive one Section 1 **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** credit as certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Links for providing feedback and registering for CPD credit will be available live in the session.*

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All are welcome!

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