## **ETHICS GRAND ROUNDS**

## Why Context Matters: "Special Instructions" for Attorneys for Personal Care

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When healthcare teams receive copies of an incapable patient's Power of Attorney for Personal Care, there may be special instructions that appear to offer insight into that person's wishes, values or broader goals for their treatment. However, more often than not, these special instructions seem too broad to apply meaningfully, unclear to the attorney for personal care or become a source of conflict between health care teams and decision-makers. This presentation will examine ways in which contextual features may help decision-makers and healthcare teams make meaning of the special instructions and apply them for better patient outcomes.

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Paul & Evelyn Higgins Conference Room, 2010 Bond

All are welcome!

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Bring your lunch!