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BIOGRAPHY



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Colleen M. Gallagher, PhD, LSW, FACHE, has worked in the fields of social work and health care ethics since 1985. Completing an ethics fellowship in 1997 at Georgetown University, in Washington, DC, she subsequently completed Doctoral degree In Bioethics in the Health Professions *and* Social Work from The Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 2004.

Previously serving as System Director of Clinical Ethics for Resurrection Health Care in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Gallagher joined the staff at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, in June 2008. She is currently the Chief and Executive Director, of the Section of Integrated Ethics in Cancer Care, and Professor, in the Department of Critical Care.

In addition to multiple institutional committees, Dr. Gallagher has served on committees for several international, national, and regional health care and social services organizations including:

- International Ethics Expert for the UNESCO Chair in Science and Technology
- International Ethics Expert for the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights
- Consultant to the Molecular and Clinical Genetics Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Service, in Silver Spring, Maryland
- National Association for Healthcare Quality, Glenview, IL, Ethicist, Ethicist for the Healthcare Quality Professional Task Team
- Co-Chair Clinical Ethics Consultation Affairs (CECA) Standing Committee, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH).

A member of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) since 1999, Dr. Gallagher was presented the Presidential Citation Award, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) in 2011 for her work as Co-Chair of the CECA whose charge was to establish certification criteria for Ethicists.

Dr. Gallagher is the first author or co-author of numerous publications on ethics consultation and medical futility. Her most recent publications include:

- *I Don't Know Why I Called You*, Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics, Vol. 4.1 2014, Farroni, JS, Gallagher, CM
- *Becoming a Competent Ethics Consultant: Up to Code?* Weise KL, Gallagher CM, Hynds JA, Secker BL, White BD. The American Journal of Bioethics, e-Pub, 5/2015
- *The Misleading Vividness of a Physician Requesting Futile Treatment*, Gallagher CM, Farroni, JS, Moore JA, Nates JL, Rodriguez MA. The American Journal of Bioethics e-Pub 7/2015