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Rage Against the Machine: Wakefulness, Emotions, and Circulatory Support Limitations

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Dr. Roxanne Kirsch joined the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto in 2016. She is co-appointed to the Department of Critical Care Medicine, Division of Cardiac Critical Care, and the Department of Bioethics. In June 2023 Dr. Kirsch was appointed Chief for the Division of Cardiac Critical Care, having served as Interim Chief since January 2022. In addition, she is Associate Chief of the Department of Perioperative Services for Equity, Diversity, Inclusiveness, Wellness and Faculty Development.

Dr. Kirsch grew up in Saskatchewan, Canada and upon completion of training was on staff in the cardiac ICU at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia prior to joining the SickKids team. She has completed a Master's degree in Biomedical Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Kirsch's academic work focuses on the ethical and social challenges of stopping advanced technologic therapies, end of life care, introduction of innovative therapies, and resource allocation and prioritization. Additionally, she works to educate clinicians and enhance their facility with ethical issues intendant to pediatric critical care and cardiology to improve patient care delivery.

Abstract: With the advances in ability to support critical illness, patients are often left with a myriad of technical supports and medical teams and families faced with difficult considerations when stopping devices. This discussion explores the ethical and legal underpinnings of withdrawal of life-sustaining therapy and the tensions experienced in the emotional overlay of the wakeful patient as opposed to the unconscious one.

Target audience: Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Psychiatry fellows, Psychology Doctoral Interns

Learning objectives:

1. Learning objectives:
2. To identify the ethical justifications for withdrawal of life-sustaining devices
3. To explore reasons why medical teams are often uncomfortable with stopping devices in wakeful patients using case vignettes
4. To discuss opportunities to support patients, teams, and families in upholding decisions to discontinue devices

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