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<http://www.collaborativenursingnetworknepa.com>

### Contact hours

This activity has been approved by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association to award contact hours. Pennsylvania State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Please call Audrey Cunfer at 570-674-1480 for more information about contact hours. Pennsylvania State Nurses Association 2.0 hours will be awarded (must attend entire program and submit completed evaluation form).

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### Host Organizations

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- Iota Omega at University of Scranton
- Zeta Psi at Wilkes University

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an institution directed by regional leaders and educators who are committed to the discussion of ethical issues both theoretical and practical. The institute encourages responsible ethical action through informed rational deliberation, and it facilitates this process in the academic community as well as in the community at large through workshops and forums.

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VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

# Navigating the Labyrinth: Serious Advanced Illness and the Quest for Better Care



### Speaker

**F. Daniel (Dan) Davis, PhD**  
Geisinger Health System, Chief Bioethics Officer

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

Please respond by April 9, 2021

- Program and CE certificate \$15
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## Virtual Conference

### Agenda

6-8 P.M. Statement of disclosures/Program

### Registration fee

It is imperative that students register in advance in order to receive a link to connect to the conference. Students must submit a registration form while other attendees make checks payable to CNN of NEPA and mail registration form and payment by April 9, 2021 to:

Annette Tross  
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**Upon receipt of registration and payment, a link will be sent to attendees in order to connect to the conference through Zoom. In addition, an Evaluation Form will be included in this correspondence which will be returned after the conference to validate attendance. Further directives will be included on the Evaluation Form. The CE certificate will then be e-mailed to applicable attendees.**

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### F. Daniel (Dan) Davis, PhD

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Since 1997, Dr. Davis has worked as a clinical ethicist, having trained in the contexts of neonatal, pediatric, and adult critical care. Since then, he acquired extensive experience as a clinical ethics consultant and now directs Geisinger's Clinical Ethics Advice and Consultation Service, which provides consultative services to patients, families, and clinicians grappling with conflict and uncertainty, usually in the context of serious, advanced illness.

In addition, at Georgetown, where he trained and received his PhD., he also co-chaired a task force on improving end of life care. In his current position at Geisinger, Dr. Davis has been extensively involved in system-wide efforts to improve the ethics and clinical quality of care for patients at the end of life.

This presentation will address the following topic content: serious illness and end of life care as a "complex adaptive problem;" the evolution of the current ethical framework for health care decision making; the "systems" nature of our current problems with the quality of care for patients with serious advanced illness and at the end of life; and developing and implementing systems solutions to the complex adaptive problem of poor quality care for patients with serious advanced illness and at the end of life.

