

BENO

Bioethics Network of Ohio

35th Annual Conference
FEB 26-27, 2026

Fostering Trust in Health Care

THURSDAY

12:00-12:10p, Welcome/Introductions

12:10p-1:20p, Jim Barlow Plenary

1:25-1:55p, BENO Business Meeting

2:00-3:00p, Breakout Sessions

Peter Kim, PhD, MDiv, MA, BCC, ACPE-CEC
"Engendering Trust by Collaborating with Spiritual Health"

Shannon Blower, MA, MAR
"Trust: The Spiritual Foundation of a Peaceful Death"

3:00-4:00p, Virtual Networking

FRIDAY

9:00-9:10a, Welcome back/Introductions

9:10-10:20a, BENO Keynote

10:30-11:30a, Breakout Sessions

Julie Wijesooriya, MPA
*"Building Trust in Health Research Through
Community Advisory Boards (CAB)"*

Lynette Gerido, PhD, MPH, MBA
& Marsha Michie, PhD
*"Perspectives on the Use of AI by Patients and their
Health Care Team"*

11:45a-12:55p, Robert Taylor Memorial Lecture

12:55-1:15p, Closing Remarks



[Thursday, 12:10p-1:20p](#)

[Jim Barlow Plenary](#)

Mark Navin, PhD, HEC-C

*"Treatment Over Objection: Why
Patients Who Can't Reason Well
Still Deserve A Voice"*



[Friday, 9:10a-10:20a](#)

[BENO Keynote](#)

Laura Specker Sullivan, PhD

"Climates of Trust and Distrust"



[Friday, 11:45a-12:55p](#)

[Robert Taylor Memorial Lecture](#)

Anthony Casacchia,
MD, FACP, CMD, HMDC

*"The Ghost in the Room: Establishing
Trust in Palliative Medicine in the
Ethical Taboo of Death"*

FEE SCHEDULE

	Individual or institutional member	Non-Member*	Student
Register by Feb. 20, 2026	\$25	\$75	Free
Register Feb. 21 – Feb. 25, 2026	\$50	\$100	Free

- * If you are not a current member, bundling membership with conference registration is available for a total of \$75.
- Full or partial refunds from BENO to registrants will incur a \$5 fee. No refunds will be offered after Feb. 20, 2026. Any balance due to BENO that results from a registrant's underpayment of registration fees must be paid by personal check prior to the conference or at check-in the day of the conference.
 - Individual BENO memberships must be current at the time of the conference to claim the individual member rate. Individual memberships may be purchased or renewed at www.benoethics.org.
 - Attendees who are directly affiliated with hospitals or health systems that are institutional members of BENO are entitled to register at the member rate. BENO may request proof of institutional affiliation.
 - BENO will require proof of student status for the discounted student rate.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON BREAK-OUT SESSION (SELECT ONE)		FRIDAY MORNING BREAK-OUT SESSION (SELECT ONE)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kim, "Engendering Trust by Collaborating with Spiritual Health"	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wijesooriya, "Building Trust in Health Research Through Community Advisory Boards (CAB)"
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blower, "Trust: The Spiritual Foundation of a Peaceful Death"	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerido and Michie, "Perspectives on the Use of AI by Patients and their Health Care Team"



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