Ethics Grand Rounds

Date: Thursday – January 16th, 2014

Time: Noon

Location: Huyck Auditorium

Topic: “How Dare You Question What I Use to Treat this Patient?”: Ethical Implications of (In)effective Interprofessional Communication Between Pharmacists and Physicians

Speaker: Paul Devnir, PhD

Learning Objectives

• Describe the dialectic tension between assertiveness and deference that characterizes pharmacists’ communication of medication therapy recommendations to physicians
• Describe recurrent communication challenges that emerge when physicians and pharmacists collaborate on therapeutic decisions, as well as communication strategies for navigating these challenges
• Describe the ethical implications of ineffective interprofessional collaboration in terms of desirable and undesirable patient outcomes

Bio

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