

GRAND ROUNDS



Thursday, May 8, 2025

Location: Zoom (*RSVP for link*)

4:30pm- 6:00pm EST

RSVP [here](#) or

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Pain, Drugs, and Ethics

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Along our organic and collaborative journey together, we have learned many things, including the importance of educating students and clinicians about the dynamic and intimate relationship between pain, suffering, substance use, bias, stigma, social determinants of health, and healthcare disparities. Our ultimate goal is to help facilitate the delivery of compassionate, empathetic, and equitable care to patients in need.

Attendees of this Center Grand Rounds will:

- Acquire understanding how effectively treating patients with pain or substance use also requires consideration of the effects of social and structural forces on those individuals
- Recognize the intimate relationship between ethical principles and safe and effective pain management
- Integrate ways to realize the goals of improving pain treatment and substance use disorders while decreasing disparities in our care of these vulnerable patient populations



Dr. Migdal is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, and Bioethics at the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook. She teaches in the master's program and in the medical school in the Medicine in Contemporary Society (MCS) course. With a strong interest in medical ethics, she is a member of the Institutional Ethics Committee, including being active in hospital ethics consultation and serving on the educational subcommittee. Her interests further include fostering compassionate care in physician training, the clinical practice of bioethical decision-making and increasing the awareness of the impact of stigma and bias on the care of patients.

Dr. Zacharoff is a Board-Certified Anesthesiologist with over 25 years of clinical experience in Anesthesiology, Pediatric Anesthesiology, and Pain Medicine. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University in the Department of Family, Population and Preventive Medicine, serves as the Course Director for Pain and Addiction at the medical school, and is a Distinguished Visiting Scholar in the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, and Bioethics at Stony Brook. He has been particularly devoted to the examination of ethical issues and public policy involving the intersection of pain management and substance use, providing education on these topics, and involved in research in these areas for more than 20 years.

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