

# Clinical Ethics: Deceased Donation



Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
8.30am – 5.00pm  
Deakin Downtown, Melbourne

Deakin University's School of Medicine is offering a one day training course focusing on Clinical Ethics in Deceased Donation.

The course has been designed by Deakin Bioethics in collaboration with clinicians involved in deceased donation of organs and tissues. Participants will explore the fundamental principles guiding deceased donation as well as recent developments and debates in the field. The focus will be on ethical issues relating to decision-making about deceased donation and clinical interventions in the setting of deceased donation.

Providing a practical introduction to ethical decision-making, the course will facilitate learning using interactive multidisciplinary case-based discussion.

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**Cost:** \$660, medical practitioner (qualified specialist)  
\$550, medical practitioner (residents, registrars and fellows)  
\$330, nurse, non-medical donation/transplant coordinator, allied health

Tickets are inclusive of course materials and refreshments (coffee, morning & afternoon tea, lunch). Group discounts may be available upon request. Discounted tickets for those attending the Transplant Ethics day on 28<sup>th</sup> April are also available.

All attendees will receive a certificate of completion, identifying the number of CPD hours for the course.

**Register here:** <https://EthicsDeceasedDonation.eventbrite.com.au>

For more information, email: [bioethics@deakin.edu.au](mailto:bioethics@deakin.edu.au)

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8.30am	Registration and refreshments
9.00am	Welcome and course overview
9.10am	Foundations of deceased donation ethics
	<i>Introduction to ethical theory &amp; principles of deceased donation ethics</i>
	<i>An approach to ethics in clinical practice</i>
10.30am	Morning Tea
11am	Decision-making about deceased donation
	<i>Consent, authorisation, and substitute decision-making</i>
	<i>Ante-mortem interventions</i>
	<i>Post-mortem interventions</i>
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Death, donation and potential conflicts of interest
	<i>The dead donor rule</i>
	<i>Normothermic regional perfusion</i>
	<i>Donation after voluntary assisted dying</i>
2.45pm	Afternoon Tea
3 pm	Ethical complexities in deceased donation
	<i>Involvement of donors in research</i>
	<i>Directed donation</i>
4.15pm	Panel case discussion
4.55pm	Closing remarks