

Clinical Ethics: Organ Transplantation



Tuesday 28th 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 Organ Transplantation.

The course has been designed by Deakin Bioethics in collaboration with clinicians involved in organ transplantation. Participants will explore the fundamental principles guiding organ donation and transplantation as well as recent developments and debates in transplant ethics. The focus will be on ethical issues relating to decision-making about living donation and transplantation of organs from living and deceased donors.

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.

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

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/clinical-ethics-organ-transplantation-tickets-1977853999555?>

For more information, email: bioethics@deakin.edu.au

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8.30am	Registration and refreshments
9.00am	Welcome and course overview
9.10am	Foundations of transplant ethics
	<i>Introduction to ethical theory & principles of transplant ethics</i>
	<i>An approach to ethics in clinical practice</i>
10.30am	Morning Tea
11am	Fundamentals of decision-making
	<i>Autonomy and informed consent</i>
	<i>Risk communication and shared decision-making</i>
	<i>Paternalism, risk thresholds, and the limits of autonomy</i>
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Confidentiality & privacy
	<i>Disclosure of unexpected findings to donors and donor families</i>
	<i>Public solicitation of donors & anonymity in donation</i>
	<i>Reporting suspicions of organ trafficking</i>
2.45pm	Afternoon Tea
3 pm	Current controversies in transplant ethics
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4.15pm	Panel case discussion
4.55pm	Closing remarks