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Abstract Submission Form – Panels

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Proposed Session Title: Sexuality and Dementia in Long-Term Care: Ethical Issues

Describe topic or case to be discussed up to 300 words:

This presentation focuses on the challenging ethical issues that arise when Ontario long-term care residents with dementia engage in sexual behaviours with each other. A composite case study will be presented. We will identify the larger systems dynamics that influence how organizations, staff and family members respond. In particular, the tension between the principles of autonomy and protection

will be discussed. Some recommendations for different understandings of autonomy will be identified and analyzed, including the view that autonomy is relational, can be partial, and often fluctuates. As well, the implications of various views of personhood and its relationship to cognitive capacity and autonomy in the context of dementia will be examined. Disentangling capacity from autonomy can result in the view that many people with dementia can still be autonomous, and we will explore the practical implications that result when we include people with dementia into the decision-making population.

Describe briefly each proposed panelist's position to be offered (up to 300 words):

Are you planning to or will you be willing to submit a poster along with your panel?

Yes No