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Invites you to a presentation on Webinar, Jan 27, at 11:00 a.m.  
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**Dr. John Hughes, MD**  
**Professor, Yale University School of Medicine**

**"The Moral Imperative to Say No: The Inevitable Link  
between Equity and Rationing"**



Dr John Hughes, who has expertise in the area of medical ethics, will discuss the sensitive problem of rationing health care.

Health care in the U.S. is "a paradox of excess and deprivation." In order to resolve the problem of deprivation and provide equitable access to healthcare, we must resolve the problem of excess. In turn, this means that we must exercise parsimony and stewardship and set priorities and limits--which comes down to rationing. "Rationing" is a term that carries no emotional baggage for economists, but is heavily freighted for physicians and most citizens, especially politicians. But rationing exists already and is

inevitable, and equity is inevitably dependent on rationing. How can rationing be used most effectively to promote equity?

Dr. John Hughes attended college and medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has a long affiliation with Yale University. He has special interests in medical policy planning, healthcare economics and medical ethics, and is a board-certified internist. At this time, he is a full professor of medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine and has been voted "best attending physician" by the Yale house staff on several occasions. He is also the Associate Director of the Program for Biomedical Ethics and is an attending physician at the West Haven VA Hospital.

**Next Program: February 3, Flemming Heilmann**, author, philanthropist, and international business executive on his memoir, *The Unacceptable Face*, a 21st century story of an itinerant career under apartheid, European socialism and American capitalism.

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