

Centre for Health Governance, Law & Ethics Oration 2009

# SHARING CARING IN A TIME OF BUDGET INSUFFICIENCY: is there an ethical reform paradigm?

**Thursday 26 March 2008**

**6.00-8.00pm** registration from 5.30pm

Sydney Law School

Building F10, Eastern Avenue,  
University of Sydney



Keynote speaker

**Peter Garling SC**

Commissioner, Special Commission of  
Inquiry into Acute Care Services in NSW  
Public Hospitals

Commentators

**Mark Ragg**

Journalist; Adjunct Senior Lecturer, School of  
Public Health, University of Sydney

**Professor Mary Chiarella Chair**

Professor of Nursing, University of Sydney

**Professor Roger Magnusson Convenor**

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Rising costs and an ageing population have increased demands on public hospitals and led to a crisis that requires both cultural and organisational change. As Commissioner of the Special Commission of Inquiry into Acute Care Services in NSW Public Hospitals, Mr Peter Garling S.C. recommended a range of strategies to streamline and improve work practices and update models of clinical care, underpinned by a series of governance reforms. In this oration, Mr Garling draws on his experience as Commissioner to explore some difficult, looming issues: who and what should take priority if health care resources and finances prove inadequate to meet rising demand? Can there be an equitable and ethical basis for sharing limited health care resources?

## SPEAKER PROFILES



### Peter Garling SC **Keynote speaker**

Peter Garling SC was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of NSW in 1979 having practised as a solicitor for a short time. In 1990, he was appointed as a part-time Acting Judge of the District Court of NSW, and was appointed a senior counsel in 1994. In addition to regular court appearances for civil and criminal cases, he has also been involved in a wide range of public inquiries including those relating to the Thredbo landslide, the Glenbrook and Waterfall Railway accidents, the collapse of the HIH Insurance Company and the affairs of the Medical Research and Compensation Foundation. At present, he is the Commissioner conducting the Special Commission of Inquiry into Acute Care Services in NSW Public Hospitals.



### Dr Mark Ragg **Commentator**

Dr Mark Ragg has worked as a journalist with The Australian and the Sydney Morning Herald, as a medical practitioner in public hospital emergency departments, and as an author of fiction and non-fiction books. He is director of the health and communications consultancy RaggAhmed and adjunct senior lecturer in the School of Public Health at the University of Sydney.



### Professor Mary Chiarella **Commentator and Chair**

Mary Chiarella is Professor of Nursing at the University of Sydney; co-Chair of the Clinical Council of the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission; and Chair of both the Advance Care Planning Steering Group, NSW Health and the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council. Her research interests focus on legal, policy and ethical issues in nursing and health care delivery. Recent projects included a global review of nurse-led models of primary health care for the World Health Organisation.



### Professor Roger Magnusson **Convenor**

Dr Roger Magnusson is Professor at the Sydney Law School, where he teaches public health law within the Master of Health Law (MHL) program. He has written widely in the areas of health law and ethics, and in public health law, and in 2002 published *Angels of Death: Exploring the Euthanasia Underground* (Melbourne University Publishing).

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