Medical interventions at the end of life are challenging in many ways. Uncertainty over the 'best' medical treatment is exacerbated by complex ethical issues such as when to end a no longer beneficial treatment and how to best protect a dying patient's interests. We are delighted to announce that intensivist Charles Sprung will give a talk on this topic and participate in a panel discussion with Barbara Friesenecker and Thomas Frühwald (moderated by M. Ganner). All are welcome to attend!

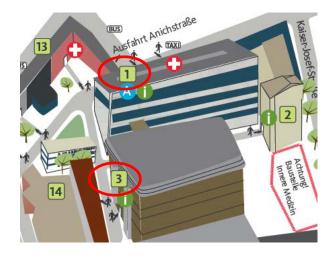
Moreover, we offer two workshops with C. Sprung addressing faculty and students and hope that many of you will take the opportunity to discuss ethics in medical education and the clinic.

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# Lecture

## "End of life practices around the world with an emphasis on physician-assistance in dying"

Charles Sprung (Jerusalem)

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# **Panel Discussion**

Charles Sprung, Barbara Friesenecker (Innsbruck) and Thomas Frühwald (Vienna) *Moderation by M. Ganner (Innsbruck)* **Tuesday, 28 May 2019, 16:00 – 18:00 h Lecture Hall 2 (Neuro), FKK 3-G0-115 Anichstraße 35, Ground Floor** 

### Workshops I & II

Medical Ethics Education Tuesday, 28 May 2019, 13:30 – 15:00 h

Ethical Decision Making in the ICU Wednesday, 29 May 2019, 13:30 – 15:00 h

For more information see next page

**Univ.Prof.Dr. Charles Sprung**, Director Emeritus of the General Intensive Care Unit in the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center, Jerusalem

Charles Sprung's oeuvre focuses on sepsis, septic shock and ethical issues. He coordinated several multicenter trials including End of Life Decision Making and Procedures in European Intensive Care Units – ETHICUS, Systematic Study of General Ethical Principles Involved in End of Life Decisions for Patients in European Intensive Care Units – ETHICATT and Triage Decision Making for the Elderly in European Intensive Care units – ELDICUS. He is a dedicated teacher of intensive medicine, medical ethics and law.

#### **Ao.Univ.Prof.Dr. Barbara Friesenecker**, Deputy Head, University Clinics of General and Surgical Intensive Medicine, Medical University Innsbruck

Barbara Friesenecker is an anesthesiologist and works as a senior physician at a surgical intensive care unit in Innsbruck. She chairs the working group on ethics of the Austrian Society of Anesthesiology, Reanimation and Intensive Medicine and is a committed lecturer on medical ethics with a special focus on difficult end of life decisions, dying with dignity and advanced care planning for severely ill patients in the hospital.

# **Prof.Dr. Thomas Frühwald,** *Former Deputy Medical Director, Department of Acute Geriatrics, Hietzing Hospital, Vienna*

Thomas Frühwald is a specialist in internal medicine and geriatrics. He is adviser to the executive board of the Austrian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology and the Austrian Ministry of Health. He is also member of the Austrian bioethics commission and contributed significantly to its opinion statement on "Dying in dignity" (2015).

# **Univ.Prof.Dr. Michael Ganner**, Institute of Civil Law, University of Innsbruck

Michael Ganner's work focuses on medical law, adult guardianship law and law for the elderly. He is member of the clinical ethics committee (KEK) at Innsbruck's University Hospital and is scientific co-chair of the doctoral program on medical and health law at the law faculty.

### Workshop I

#### **Medical Ethics Education**

C. Sprung *Moderation by G. Werner-Felmayer* **Tuesday, 28 May 2019, 13:30 – 15:00 h SR2, MZA 1-U1-061, 1<sup>st</sup> Basement Floor, Anichstr. 35** 

We will discuss ethics teaching in clinical settings in a multi-cultural context as well as simulation-based training for residents in Israel. We will also address tools and modalities of ethics teaching in medical curricula and discuss plans for compulsory ethics teaching at MUI.

### Workshop II

### Ethical Decision Making in the ICU C. Sprung *Moderation by B. Friesenecker* Wednesday, 29 May 2019, 13:30 – 15:00 h SR2, MZA 1-U1-061, 1<sup>st</sup> Basement Floor, Anichstr. 35

In this workshop, we will discuss ethical issues of end-of-life care in the ICU and how to strengthen decisions by ethical analysis and considerations. Prof. Sprung will present helpful references and share his experience from his research in this field and his work in the ICU.

Everyone interested in practice-oriented medical ethics education and/or ethical decision making in end-of-life care in the ICU is welcome to join us for one or both workshops!

For workshops, please register at <u>ethucation@i-med.ac.at</u> until 24 May No registration required for lecture & discussion on 28 May Free admission to all events

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