The Program in Medical Ethics and Humanities of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine

EVENING ETHICS

STUMPEDE:
An extraordinary journey through tragedy, comedy and restoration

A Film screening & Q & A discussion
with Will Lautzenheizer

Thursday
December 12, 2019
5:00pm-7pm

Eccles Health Sciences Library, Lower Level

Light Refreshments Served
CME offered

Will Lautzenheizer, after losing his arms and legs to a deadly infection, became the third patient to undergo a double-arm transplantation at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. The documentary, STUMPEDE, chronicles how Will copes with the loss of his filmmaking career by pursuing stand-up comedy, how he navigates personal relationships, and how he transforms, physically and spiritually, with newly transplanted arms. STUMPEDE was filmed over four years. Natalia Washington, PhD and Angela Smith, PhD will facilitate discussion of the many ethical issues faced in this journey of pioneering medicine.

Will Lautzenheizer will skype in to join us for this discussion and to answer questions. Please join us and add your questions and thoughts to a long list of possible ethics topics, including informed consent in VCA transplants, cultural representations of disability, ableism, disability misconceptions that may affect decision making, resource allocation for cutting edge technological devices, the use of anti-rejection medications for non-life threatening situations, the role of insurance decisions in healthcare, federal funding for after emergent care, the role of comedy in healing, and the burden of care on families and other caregivers.

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