

2020 Ethics Education Week Faculty



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Dr. Andi Chatburn is a Palliative Care physician in Spokane, Washington and serves as the Regional Director for Ethics for Providence St. Joseph Health in Eastern Washington and Western Montana. During her more than seven-year tenure with Providence, Chatburn creates opportunities for healthcare professionals of every discipline to grow in their knowledge of bioethics and apply this at the bedside. Her interests include navigating care for those on the margins of life, due to serious illness or social determinants of health. Chatburn values time spent “standing in the gap” of uncertainty in clinical questions ranging from beginning to the end of life. This promotes curiosity and relationship while exploring questions of ‘how we ought to be with one another in community’ as we seek to address the challenges of promoting health for a better world.

Andi became interested in ethics and palliative care during her undergraduate degree in rural Iowa where she was inspired by her Philosophy and Theology professors and as a volunteer for a local non-profit hospice. Dr. Chatburn received her medical degree in osteopathic medicine at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, where she simultaneously completed a Master of Arts degree in Bioethics. During her time in Kansas City, she worked as an ethics intern with the non-profit advocacy group, The Center for Practical Bioethics.

Dr. Chatburn is a board certified Family Physician and completed her residency at Providence Family Medicine Spokane in June 2013. After residency, Dr. Chatburn went on to complete a Fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Medicine at the University of Kansas, where she also acted as an Ethics consultant and member of both the adult and pediatric ethics committees at the University of Kansas.

Andi enjoys traveling with her husband John and exploring the Inland Northwest through hiking and skiing with her two big dogs. You can find her online, tweeting about hospice and palliative medicine as well as bioethics under handle [@achatburn](https://twitter.com/achatburn), where she describes herself as “doctor, dog mom, food lover, planner’s wife.”