

AST Ethics Session

How may culture intersect with ethics in deceased donation?

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In this talk I will discuss the potential intersections of culture with ethics in donation and transplantation. While I argue that cultural safety is an essential component of ethical care in donation and transplantation, I also suggest that culture may sometimes be incorrectly invoked as justification for (un)ethical policies and practices. Rather than exploiting respect for culture as a substitute for ethical analysis, I will argue that cultural norms and values should be interrogated and integrated within comprehensive ethical analysis in donation and transplantation.