

Connie Jorsvik

Connie Jorsvik was an RN for 25 years, 15 of that in cardiac medical & surgical care where she was a patient advocate first and foremost. She has been an independent healthcare navigator & patient advocate for 4 years. Within her business, Patient Pathways, she supports patients and their families facing serious & complex illness, injury & end-of life. She has a broad understanding of all aspects of the ever-changing healthcare system. Patient Pathways is currently the only independent business of its kind in Western Canada. She holds an Advance Care Planning certificate with Fraser Health Authority and holds frequent workshops throughout Vancouver and the Lower Mainland.

Shelley R. Birenbaum

Shelley Birenbaum is a health law lawyer. She is President and Counsel at Shelley R. Birenbaum Professional Corporation, a firm dedicated exclusively to health law. Shelley works with hospitals, physicians and other health care practitioners, mental health centres, family health teams, private clinics and health professional associations. She was counsel to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and at the Public Guardian and Trustee and worked in the health law departments of two Bay Street firms and at Blake Cassels. She has a Masters of Social Work, practiced social work for four years, and in 2012 completed her Masters of Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Shelley is a past Board member at Jewish Family & Child Service, a member of the Health Canada Research Ethics Board, executive member of the Ontario and Canadian Bar Associations, was a member of the National Working Group on Advance Care Planning and is currently a volunteer with Dying with Dignity. She has a keen interest in education about health care at the end of life and in promoting autonomy.

Karen Faith

Karen Faith is a bioethics consultant and speaker who works with community based and regional health care centers in helping them build their ethics programs. Her interest in Bioethics grew through her work both as a clinician and educator in the field of social work. After completing a graduate degree in Bioethics as well as a fellowship in Clinical Ethics through the Institute of Medical Sciences and the Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto, Karen joined Sunnybrook as a staff bioethics consultant where she later became Director of the Ethics Centre. While there Karen contributed to the development of the Ethical Framework for Pandemic Planning which received international recognition. She is a member of the Joint Centre for Bioethics, Canadian Bioethics Society and was an Organizing Board Member of the Clinical Ethics Summer Institute. Karen's writing and scholarship appears in many academic journals and other health care publications. Along with her consultation and speaking work, Karen is a tutor

for the ethics education program in Medicine and an invited lecturer at the University of Toronto.