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## 2010 Alliance Medical Law Conference promises insight into life and death decisions

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Life and death decisions in paediatric intensive care, coronial inquests and hospital deaths are just two of the presentations featuring at the annual Australian Lawyers Alliance Medical Law Conference in Sydney, tomorrow.

Also being discussed will be: a session on understanding pain by palliative care physician, Dr Frank Brennan; genetic testing disorders and counselling with Dr Anne Turner; changes to the *Mental Health Act* with Westmead Hospital specialist, Dr Christopher Ryan; and a session on analysing psychologists with clinical and forensic psychologist, Dr Katie Seidler.

The popular annual case review of significant cases for 2009/2010 hosted by barrister, Ian Butcher, will also run after an afternoon break.

About 80 people are expected at the conference, at the Amora Jamison Hotel at 11 Jamison Street, tomorrow from 9.15am.

The annual get together provides a forum for medical law professionals keen to remain at the forefront of developments in this specialist area of law.

Australian Lawyers Alliance Medical Law Special Interest Group chairman, David Hirsch, who coordinated the sessions, said of this year's conference:

"This program aims to explore some of the complex ethical problems that make medical law so challenging as well as to provide pertinent medico legal information for practitioners in the field."

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