

## **The Terri Schiavo Case: Medical Ethics' Perfect Storm. A Retrospective Analysis and Guide for the Perplexed**

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12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Hammer Health Sciences Center

Columbia University Medical Center

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The event also featured:

**Dr. Randolph Marshall**, who presented *What is a Persistent Vegetative State?*

**Dr. David Lowenthal**, who offered *Lessons from Florida Law*.

**Dr. Ruth Fischbach**, on *What you Should Know about Advance Directives*.

Dr. Prager opened the discussion by outlining the controversy surrounding Terri Schiavo, one of the most bitter and controversial medical and political cases in America. There were over 200 attendees at the lecture who were challenged by the complex and multi-layered ethical and political dilemmas surrounding the case. Dr. Fischbach provided the audience members with informative and essential information about the usefulness of advance directives, living wills, and health care proxies. If you would like more information on how to complete your New York Health Care Proxy, Advance Directive, or Living Will, [please click here](#).

The Gold Foundation generously provided lunch for all attendees.