BIOETHICS SEMINAR
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University College (UC), 15 King’s College Circle, Room 161
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“What’s Important to Me:
Graphic Values History Tool (GVHT)”
– Bellwoods Study

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Abstract: “What’s Important to Me: Graphic Values History Tool (GVHT)” is a unique instrument that links simple questions in clear language to sketches, graphics, and a coloured Likert scale. The tool helps readers document their health-related values by addressing common changes in physical ability, cognitive ability and quality of life that are not specific to one medical context.

We conducted a mixed methods study at Bellwoods Centres for Community Living. Our primary research question: Can BCCL clients and their substitute decision makers (SDMs) complete the GVHT? Secondary questions evaluated aspects of the tool and completion process; we especially wanted to see if dyads (clients/SDMs) could complete the tool and have a discussion without assistance. We compared clients who had lived with their condition for <2 yrs. to clients who had lived with their condition for >2 yrs.

Fourteen dyads independently completed the tool and values discussion. They evaluated the tool and process using a standardized evaluation. During this seminar we will present our research findings.