



## A Feminist Critical Approach Reveals 9 Hidden Obstacles to Ethical Behaviour and Decision-Making in Health Care

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Drawing on her personal and professional experience as a patient, clinical bioethicist and health care researcher, Dr. Atkins will outline the origin of the "feminist critical approach" and the autoethnographic methodology used to uncover 9 hidden impediments to ethical and clinical judgment.

By employing a feminist methodology and examining the relational matrices within the health care setting, Dr. Atkins will draw attention to often overlooked factors that nonetheless significantly impact patient care.

Dr. Atkins has a PhD in Political Theory and is the recipient of SSHRC, Fulbright, Clarke and Killam fellowships.

Her book, *My Imaginary Illness: A Journey of Uncertainty and Prejudice in Medical Diagnosis* was published in 2010 by ILR-Cornell UP.

She is working on two new books: *Bad Moral Decision-Making: The Ethics of the Lived Experience of Everyday Life and Trust, Vulnerability and Human Rights*.

Her areas of research include: medical ethics, vulnerability and disability, sexuality and gender, human rights, feminism, legal theory, law, political theory and autoethnography.

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