

BIOETHICS & HUMANITIES NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the monthly Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter provided by the Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

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We are committed to helping healthcare professionals explore and understand the increasingly complex ethical questions that have been brought on by advances in medical technology and the health care system. We achieve this through education, research, and service within the Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa Health Care, University of Iowa, and the wider Iowa community.

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ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE 2020—Canceled 5th Annual Conference

Dear Friends,

As you know, the current public health emergency is causing changes for everyone. Here at the University of Iowa, to protect everyone's health we are significantly limiting all face-to-face meetings and cancelling group events until further notice. As part of this current reality, we have decided that it is time to make the decision to cancel our Ethics in Healthcare Conference that was planned for May 29, 2020. We regret this necessity, but we know you share our concern for your safety and the welfare of our entire community.

Thank you for your understanding, and we sincerely hope that you will join us for the Conference next year.

With warm regards,

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BIOETHICS RESOURCES

COVID-19 ETHICS RESOURCES

As the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread worldwide, communities and countries begin to face the difficult questions and challenging situations presented by this unprecedented public health emergency. Several organizations have started putting together online ethics resources to help encourage ethical reflection and decision making. Here are a few of these resources:

- ⇒ The AMA Journal of Ethics: [Covid-19 Ethics Resource Center](#)
- ⇒ The Hastings Center: [Ethics Resources on the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- ⇒ Health Affairs: [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus Disease\) Resource Center](#)
- ⇒ Johns Hopkins University : [Coronavirus Resource Center](#)
- ⇒ Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security: [What US Hospitals Should Do Now to Prepare for a COVID-19 Pandemic](#)



RESOURCES ON CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE, RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND TRIAGE DECISION MAKING

- ⇒ ASPR TRACIE Topic Collection: [Crisis Standards of Care](#)
- ⇒ Institute of Medicine (2012): [Crisis Standards of Care: A Systems Framework for Catastrophic Disaster Response](#)
- ⇒ Minnesota Department of Health (2019): [Patient Care Strategies for Scarce Resource Situations](#)
- ⇒ Minnesota Department of Health (2020): [Minnesota Crisis Standards of Care Framework](#)
- ⇒ New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, New York State Department of Health (2015): [Ventilator Allocation Guidelines](#)
- ⇒ The Pandemic Influenza Ethics Initiative Work Group of the Veteran's Health Administration's National Center for Ethics in Health Care (2010): [Meeting the Challenge of Pandemic Influenza: Ethical Guidance for Leaders and Health Care Professionals in the Veterans Health Administration](#)

BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE

ARTICLES RELATED TO COVID-19

- ⇒ Emanuel EJ, Persad G, Upshur R, et al. Fair allocation of scarce medical resources in the time of covid-19. [N Engl J Med](#). 2020 Mar 23 [Epub ahead of print]
- ⇒ Hick, J. L., D. Hanfling, M. K. Wynia, and A. T. Pavia. Duty to Plan: Health Care, Crisis Standards of Care, and Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. [NAM Perspectives](#). Discussion paper. National Academy of Medicine. Washington, DC. 2020 Mar 5. [Epub ahead of print]
- ⇒ Rosenbaum, L. Facing Covid-19 in Italy - Ethics, Logistics, and Therapeutics on the Epidemic's Front Line. [N Engl J Med](#). 2020 Mar 18. [Epub ahead of print]
- ⇒ Zhou, F., Yu, T., Du, R., Fan, G., Liu, Y., Liu, Z., . . . Cao, B. Clinical course and risk factors for mortality of adult inpatients with COVID-19 in Wuhan, China: a retrospective cohort study. [Lancet](#). 2020 Mar 15. [Epub ahead of print]

ARTICLES RELATED TO CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE, RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND TRIAGE DECISION MAKING

- ⇒ Barnett DJ, Taylor HA, Hodge JG, Jr., et al. Resource allocation on the frontlines of public health preparedness and response: Report of a summit on legal and ethical issues. [Public Health Rep](#). 2009 Mar-Apr; 124: 295-303.
- ⇒ Biddison ELD, Gwon HS, Schoch-Spana M, et al. Scarce resource allocation during disasters: A mixed-method community engagement study. [Chest](#). 2018 Jan; 153: 187-195.
- ⇒ Bosslet GT, Pope TM, Rubenfeld GD, et al. An official ATS/AACN/ACCP/ESICM/SCCM policy statement: Responding to requests for potentially inappropriate treatments in intensive care units. [Am J Respir Crit Care Med](#). 2015 Jun; 191: 1318-1330.
- ⇒ Kuschner WG, Pollard JB, Ezeji-Okoye SC. Ethical triage and scarce resource allocation during public health emergencies: Tenets and procedures. [Hosp Top](#). 2007 Summer; 85: 16-25.
- ⇒ Leider JP, DeBruin D, Reynolds N, et al. Ethical guidance for disaster response, specifically around crisis standards of care: A systematic review. [Am J Public Health](#). 2017 Sep; 107: e1-e9.
- ⇒ Paranthaman K, Conlon CP, Parker C, et al. Resource allocation during an influenza pandemic. [Emerg Infect Dis](#). 2008 Mar; 14: 520-522.

BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE

- ⇒ Truog RD, Mitchell C, Daley GQ. The toughest triage - allocating ventilators in a pandemic. [N Engl J Med.](#) 2020 Mar 23.20 [epub ahead of print]

“Advantages of this approach [to triage] are that it allows the physicians and nurses caring for the patients to maintain their traditional roles as fiduciary advocates, including the opportunity to appeal the initial decision of the committee when appropriate.”

(Truog et al.)

BIOETHICS NEWS RELATED TO COVID-19

- ⇒ [Saving COVID-19 testing for those who really need it.](#) Health Affairs Blog, March 23, 2020
- ⇒ [4 ethical dilemmas for healthcare organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.](#) Health Leaders, March 18, 2020.
- ⇒ [Coronavirus: Italian doctors face allocation crisis.](#) BioEdge, March 15, 2020.
- ⇒ [Coronavirus: what happened to America’s bioethics commission?](#) Bioedge, March 14, 2020
- ⇒ [Medical ethics and the novel coronavirus.](#) The New Yorker, March 11, 2020.
- ⇒ [Researchers rush to test coronavirus vaccine in people without knowing how well it works in animals.](#) STAT News, March 11, 2020.
- ⇒ [If COVID-19 gets bad, triage will be needed. Are we ready for that?](#) STAT News, March 10, 2020.
- ⇒ [Could—or should—the government impose a mass quarantine on an American city?](#) Health Affairs Blog, March 10, 2020.
- ⇒ [During a pandemic, states’ patchwork of crisis strategies could mean uneven care.](#) Kaiser Health News, March 5, 2020.
- ⇒ [Kept at the hospital on coronavirus fears, now facing large medical bills.](#) The New York Times, February 29, 2020.



HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to visit the [John Martin Rare Book Room website](#). On this website you will find resources, [digital exhibits](#), [videotaped lectures](#), and news/highlights.

BIOETHICS OPPORTUNITIES

PEDIATRIC ETHICS WEBINARS

Registration is now open for a series of pediatric ethics webinars hosted by Children's Mercy Kansas City Bioethics Center. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



BIOETHICS SERVICES AT THE UIHC

ETHICS CONSULT SERVICE

This service is a resource for patients, family members, or health professionals at UIHC who would like help addressing an ethical question or problem related to a patient's care. Consults can be ordered by UIHC clinicians through EPIC. Consults can also be requested by calling (319) 356-1616 and asking for the ethics consultant on call. For more information, [click here](#).



CLINICAL RESEARCH ETHICS SERVICE

We provide free consultation on ethical issues related to research design, tissue banking, genetic research results, informed consent, and working with vulnerable patient populations. In particular, we assist clinical investigators in identifying and addressing the ethical challenges that frequently arise when designing or conducting research with human subjects. These include ethical challenges in sampling design; randomized and placebo-controlled studies; participant recruitment and informed consent; return of individual-level research results; community engagement processes; and more. For more information, [click here](#).

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