

BIOETHICS & HUMANITIES NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME...

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.

Program in Bioethics and Humanities: *Our Mission*

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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BIOETHICS RESOURCES

COVID-19 ETHICS RESOURCES

- ⇒ [2020 Survey of America's Physicians: Covid-19 Impact Edition](#)
- ⇒ The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP): [Ethical principles for allocating initial supplies of COVID-19 vaccine—United States, 2020](#)
- ⇒ The AMA Journal of Ethics: [Covid-19 Ethics Resource Center](#)
- ⇒ Bioethics.net and the American Journal of Bioethics: [Bioethics Toolkit Resources for COVID-19](#)
- ⇒ The Hastings Center: [Ethics Resources on the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- ⇒ The Hastings Center: [Ethical challenges in the middle tier of Covid-19 vaccine allocation](#)
- ⇒ The [Hasting Center Report May/June 2020 Issue](#) (dedicated to COVID-19)
- ⇒ Health Affairs: [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus Disease\) Resource Center](#)
- ⇒ Johns Hopkins University : [Coronavirus Ethics and Policy Insights and Resources](#)
- ⇒ John's Hopkins University: [An ethical framework for the COVID-19 reopening process](#)
- ⇒ John's Hopkins University Center for Health Security: [Interim Framework for COVID-19 vaccine allocation and distribution in the United States](#)
- ⇒ Seton Hall University: [COVID Ethics Series](#)
- ⇒ UIHC Ethics Rounds (6/17/20): [Life, liberty, and COVID-19: An ethical examination of social distancing](#)
- ⇒ UNC Center for Bioethics: [Pandemic Ethics Resources](#)
- ⇒ World Health Organization: [Ethics and Covid-19: Resource allocation and priority-setting](#)



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](#)
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- ⇒ New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, New York State Department of Health (2015): [Ventilator Allocation Guidelines](#)
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BIOETHICS TOPIC OF THE MONTH:

THE PARTIAL CODE

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BIOETHICS RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

CASE STUDIES & EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The American College of Physicians (ACP) offers access to case studies and educational resources encompassing broad range of ethics topics. Some of the topics include clinical ethics, professionalism, teaching, research, and health care delivery. The majority of the educational content available through this site can be used as learning activities and completed for free CME/MOC credits.



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To access the educational content provided by ACP, [click here](#).

LITERARY HIGHLIGHT FROM A CCOM FACULTY MEMBER

[The Great Dimming of 2020](#) (pp. 84-89)

This is a creative writing piece by UI professor emeritus Dr. Carol Scott-Connor that was recently published in the *North Carolina Literary Review*. The piece weaves together themes of Covid, aging, and the star Betelgeuse and is accompanied by stunning astronomical imaging.



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“The capacity to designate a surrogate is not simply another kind of medical decision-making capacity ... a patient can possess the capacity to designate a surrogate even if they cannot appreciate their condition or reason about the relative risks and benefits of their options.”

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BIOETHICS OPPORTUNITIES

NEONATAL ETHICS CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY: the University of Michigan Division of Neonatal-Perinatal
Medicine and Center for Bioethics & Social Science in Medicine

DATE: Saturday, April 10, 2021

TIME: 9:30AM-5:45PM EST

COST: Free

LOCATION: Virtual



For more information and to register, [click here](#).

PEDIATRIC BIOETHICS IN THE SHADOW OF COVID SYMPOSIUM

HOSTED BY: Children's Mercy Bioethics Center in Kansas City

DATE: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

TIME: 9:30AM-4:45PM CST

COST: Free

LOCATION: Virtual



For more information and to register, [click here](#).

DO GENETIC FINDINGS IMPACT PERCEPTIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY?

HOSTED BY: The Hastings Center

DATE: Friday, May 28, 2021

TIME: 9:00AM-3:00PM EST

COST: Free

LOCATION: Virtual



For more information and to register, [click here](#).

BIOETHICS SERVICES AT THE UIHC

ETHICS CONSULT SERVICE

This service is a clinical resource for UI Health Care personnel who would like help addressing an ethical question or problem related to a patient's care.

Consults can be ordered through EPIC or by paging 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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