

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 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT CCOM

FALL 2020 BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES SEMINAR

MED:8076:0600

A one-credit hour elective course directed and taught by Lauris Kaldjian, MD, PhD.

The purpose of the Seminar is to provide an introduction to topic areas and themes that are central to bioethics and the humanities in the context of medicine. The course covers a diverse but inter-connected range of topic areas in bioethics and humanities, including ethical theory, contrasting approaches to ethics (principles, consequences, virtues), clinical ethics, moral agency and responsibility, diversity and culture, professionalism and humanism in medicine, research ethics, history and medicine, technology and the future, narrative ethics, and the use of literature in medicine.

The Seminar will meet virtually every Monday from 12:00-12:50 PM using Zoom (minus Labor Day and Thanksgiving week), starting August 24, 2020 and ending December 7, 2020. For a copy of the syllabus, [click here](#).

Class size is limited to 15 students in order to create a setting that is conducive to engagement by all participants. Priority for enrollment is given to medical students but is also open to other students at the University of Iowa, as space allows. Students wishing to enroll in the Fall 2020 Seminar should email the [Course Coordinator](#).

FALL 2020 FOUNDATIONS IN HEALTHCARE ETHICS

MED:8416:0400 (medical students) MED:5416:0100 (for graduate students)

A three-credit hour elective course directed and taught by Lauris Kaldjian, MD, PhD. Open to medical students, other health science students, and graduate students throughout the University of Iowa.

The Seminar will meet virtually every Tuesday from 4:30-6:30 PM using Zoom during the Fall 2020 semester.

In this 15-week, reading-intensive course, students review major ethical traditions, ideas, and frameworks that have shaped contemporary approaches to healthcare ethics in morally pluralistic Western cultures. Topics include four prominent frameworks in healthcare ethics (virtue-based, principle-based, circumstance-based, and consequence-based) that emphasize four aspects of ethical decision making (agent, action, context, outcome). Through written reflections, weekly class discussions, and a final paper, students engage ethical concepts, translating from ethical theory to ethical practice by applying foundational beliefs and values to concrete challenges in clinical practice. If you have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact Dr. Kaldjian (lauris-kaldjian@uiowa.edu).

BIOETHICS RESOURCES

COVID-19 ETHICS RESOURCES

- ⇒ The AMA Journal of Ethics: [Covid-19 Ethics Resource Center](#)
- ⇒ Bioethics.net and the American Journal of Bioethics: [Bioethics Toolkit Resources for COVID-19](#)
- ⇒ Children’s Mercy Kansas City: [COVID Pandemic Podcast Series](#)—
- ⇒ The Hastings Center: [Ethics Resources on the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- ⇒ The [Hasting Center Report May/June 2020 Issue](#) (dedicated to COVID-19)—**NEW!**
- ⇒ 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](#)
- ⇒ Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security: [What US Hospitals Should Do Now to Prepare for a COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- ⇒ UIHC Ethics Rounds (6/17/20): [Life, liberty, and COVID-19: An ethical examination of social distancing](#)
- ⇒ UNC Center for Bioethics: [Pandemic Ethics Resources](#)



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

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- ⇒ Douglas SL, Daly BJ, Meropol NJ, et al. Patient-physician discordance in goals of care for patients with advanced cancer. [Curr Oncol](#). 2019 Dec; 26: 370-379.
- ⇒ Elbaum A. Black lives in a pandemic: Implications of systemic injustice for end-of-life care. [Hastings Cent Rep](#). 2020 May; 50: 58-60.
- ⇒ Farrell TW, Francis L, Brown T, et al. Rationing limited healthcare resources in the Covid-19 era and beyond: Ethical considerations regarding older adults. [J Am Geriatr Soc](#). 2020 Jun; 68: 1143-1149.
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“Health care professionals are responding with an astounding display of selflessness, caring for patients despite the risk of profound personal harm. Our efforts are recognized and applauded. During this interlude filled with uncertainty, there has been a sense of altruism and urgency that has unexpectedly catalyzed the restoration of some elements of autonomy, competency, and relatedness. Indeed, the whole medical system, including hospital administrators and insurers, among others, has rallied to support the caregivers. But will these positive changes be sustained?”

(Hartzband & Groopman)

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- ⇒ McGreevey JD, III, Hanson CW, III, Koppel R. Clinical, legal, and ethical aspects of artificial intelligence–assisted conversational agents in health care. [JAMA](#). 2020 Jul 24. [Epub ahead of print]
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- ⇒ Piemonte NM, Abreu S. Responding to callous humor in health care. [AMA Journal of Ethics](#). 2020; 22: 608-614.
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- ⇒ Stone JR. Social justice, triage, and Covid-19: Ignore life-years saved. [Med Care](#). 2020 Jul; 58: 579-581.
- ⇒ Yancy CW. Academic medicine and black lives matter: Time for deep listening. [JAMA](#). 2020 Jun 30. [Epub ahead of print]



BIOETHICS IN THE NEWS

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- ⇒ [A pandemic ethical conundrum: Must health care workers risk their lives to treat Covid-19 patients?](#) STAT News, July 24, 2020.
- ⇒ [The global march of face masks: A mirror on humanity](#). The Associated Press, July 24, 2020.
- ⇒ [Confusion spreads over system to determine priority access to Covid-19 vaccines](#). STAT News, July 22, 2020.
- ⇒ [1,000 serious illness conversations: Delivering on what matters most during the pandemic and beyond](#). Health Affairs Blog, July 15, 2020.
- ⇒ [A coronavirus vaccine won't work if people don't take it](#). The New York Times, July 10, 2020.
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- ⇒ [Researchers debate infecting people on purpose to test coronavirus vaccines](#). The New York Times, July 1, 2020.
- ⇒ [An experiment in end-of-life care: Tapping AI's cold calculus to nudge the most human of conversations](#). STAT News, July 1, 2020.



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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