

# 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.

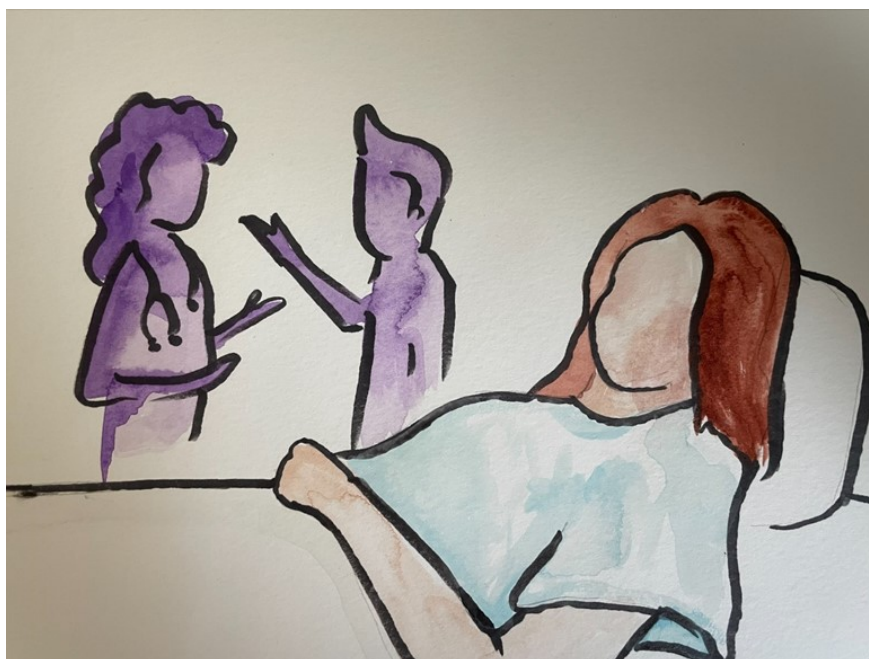
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## HUMANITIES CORNER



We are pleased to announce this new section of our newsletter that will feature student creative work in the humanities.

Our first spotlight is on **Sarah Stueve, a fourth year medical student**. Her creative work is a watercolor painting and a written reflection. She completed this creative work as part of the *Ethics and Humanities Sub-Internship Seminar*. During this Seminar students are asked to complete a reflective written or creative work that responds to a situation they encountered during their sub-internship that illustrated values in ethics, professionalism, or humanism.



*In pediatrics, it's the parents or caregivers who make decisions for their children. While this is often necessary, especially if the patient is an infant or young child, it becomes increasingly important as patients get older and develop their own autonomy that we try to understand their perspectives and include them in our discussions. Though fortunately rarely, I have seen doctors who speak only to parents and as little as necessary to the actual patient, even when they were old enough to understand and express opinions. I have also at times noticed myself speaking about a patient rather than to them and had to correct myself. The piece that I made shows a patient in the foreground while her doctor and caregiver are represented more abstractly in the background, discussing a care plan that will have a great impact on her life without even making sure she knows what is going on. I made this piece as a reminder to myself and others that this is a situation we must seek to avoid. Though I understand we cannot leave all medical decisions to young patients, they absolutely should be included in shared decision-making.*

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*“The serious illness Delphi expert panel review identified 8 findings, as enumerated: (1) spirituality is important to most patients with serious illness (eg, literature estimates ranged from 71%-99%); (2) spiritual needs are common in that setting (eg, estimates ranged from 23%-98%); (3) spiritual care is frequently desired by patients with serious illness (eg, estimates ranged from 50%-96%); and (4) spirituality can influence medical decision-making in serious illness....”*

(Balboni et al.)

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- ⇒ Long ago, I bought a human skull. What should I do with it? [The New York Times](#), July 19, 2022.
- ⇒ WA hospitals over capacity due to patient discharging woes. [AP News](#), July 18, 2022.
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- ⇒ Medical aid in dying is still called 'assisted suicide': an anthropologist explains the problem with that. [The Conversation](#), July 6, 2022.
- ⇒ 'A scary time': Fear of prosecution forces doctors to choose between protecting themselves or their patients. [STAT News](#), July 5, 2022.
- ⇒ Abortion and bioethics: Principles to guide U.S. abortion debate. [The Conversation](#), June 23, 2022.



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## BIOETHICS OPPORTUNITIES

### UPCOMING

- ⇒ Examined Life Conference, hosted by the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. October 20-22, 2022. For more information, [click here](#).
- ⇒ American Journal of Bioethics webinar on Post-Roe Implications for Medical Professionals . August 12, 2022, 2pm CST, For more information, [click here](#).
- ⇒ The Hastings Center: [Upcoming Webinars and Events](#)

### ONGOING

- ⇒ The Hastings Center: [Recent Webinars and Events](#)
  - ⇒ American Journal of Bioethics: [YouTube channel](#) containing previous webinars
  - ⇒ The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics: [YouTube channel](#) containing previous lectures
  - ⇒ Children's Mercy Kansas City: [Pediatric Ethics Podcast series](#) and [Webinars and Workshops](#)
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# 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](#).